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## Meiners Oaks Celebrates the Solstice

The second annual Meiners Oaks Solstice Festival brought dozens of people out to the west end of the Ojai Valley Sunday afternoon, as the community celebrated the many things that make it unique. At top, Dee Volz, the former owner of the Ojai Valley News, dances to the Mardi Gras Band. At left, Lily Rose, age 9, creates her first clay vase, with help from Scot Olson, at the Casitas Mud Pottery booth. At right, Jesze Miklos, age 7, do arts and crafts at July's Nest booth.

# Local doctor to continue training midwives in Niger

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Nearly 1,000 out of every 100,000 births in Niger will result in the death of the mother, according to the CIA World Factbook. Niger's infant mortality rate is the second highest in the world, at approximately 110 dead out of every 1,000 born.

Most people will read that statistic, maybe feel sorrow for a moment, and then they will get on with their lives.

Artist Leslie Clark and obstetrician Robert Skankey, M.D., aren't most people.

Skankey, who has been practicing medicine in the Ojai Valley since 1969, has delivered well over 3,000 babies here (in 2009, Ojai's population measured at 7,807). On June 23, Dr. Skankey received an award from Rotary International for work of a specific sort: the humanitarian kind. The "Service Above Self" award is given to only 100 people worldwide, it is their highest award for a single individual, and Skankey received it in honor of his work saving lives in Ethiopia, Mali, Brazil,

Bolivia, Honduras, Tonga, and Niger.

"We all do things that are of value to someone else," said Skankey in a recent phone interview.

Skankey became involved with Leslie Clark's Nomad Foundation work about four years ago, when Clark approached Skankey after his Rotary lecture on his work in Africa, and reportedly told him, "I need you!"

Clark had been traveling to Niger over the last 20 years, first as an artist intrigued by the works of the Tuareg people, and returned repeatedly as an empowered human who recognized she could do something concrete to help the nomads with whose culture she had become very familiar.

"There is such political volatility in that region, we never know if we can go back. Now we go with armed guards. We're still going, we're not going to give up. There's no one else doing it," says Clark of her foundation's work in Niger. "Everything we do now has a sustainability element to it. We give the people skills, something you can never take away

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# Ojai schools go green, earn national awards

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For kids in Ojai's public schools, going green is becoming a way of life. During the last few years, the Ojai Unified School District has teamed up with Food for Thought and other members of the community to take a more proactive approach to becoming better stewards of the environment — and of themselves.

The biggest effort to date has been a district-wide push to get each school certified as a "green school," a goal that was finally achieved in the 2011-2012 school year.

"Marleen Luckman researched about a dozen programs for us, and found one we felt would be the best bet for Ojai," said FFT executive director Lori Hamor. Luckman, in charge of FFT's green operations and teacher

support, settled on Green Ribbon Schools.

The national program gives a series of flexible Earth-friendly cornerstones to help teachers and administrators develop projects that work best for their individual schools. "The Green Ribbons Schools website is really set up for educators to visit and come up with ideas, so they're not scratching their heads thinking, 'Wow, there's all this emphasis on going green, but what should we do?' It gives them ideas based on what's been done at other schools, and what works," said Hamor.

With Ojai schools strapped for cash, and teachers strapped for time, seeking the Green Ribbon Schools certification made sense. It takes into account the locally available resources and environment, allowing schools

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# Competency trial date pushed back again for Medina

Monica Lara

OVN contributor

The Superior Court of Ventura County firmly set July 25 as the new date for the competency trial for an Ojai Valley teen facing murder charges.

Superior Court Judge James Cloninger granted the motion for continuance or postponement, filed by the Senior Deputy District Attorney Bill Haney. The date was extended from the original July 12 date to accommodate a discovery motion also filed by Haney. The discovery motion would compel the defense to release information pertaining to a psychological examination of defendant Alex Medina, 17. "It would be unjust for me to deny the people sufficient time to go over evidence," Cloninger said at the hearing Tuesday morning.

The information — notes used by the defense-appointed psychologist Donald Hoagland — is expected to be part of the report compiled by the prosecu-

tion-appointed doctor, psychologist Susan Ashley. She was appointed to perform an additional assessment of Medina last week.

The court will be discussing the scope of the discovery motion Haney filed to gain Hoagland's notes on Monday.

Medina is being charged with first-degree murder and additional felony offenses. He was taken into custody at age 14, suspected in the stabbing and killing of Seth Scarminach, 16, in April 2009. Scarminach was pronounced dead at the scene in Meiners Oaks. The incident was suspected of being gang-related, according to reports by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office.

The competency trial is to decide if Medina can ably assist his lawyers, Scott Wippert and Robyn Bramson, during his criminal trial, where he would be tried as an adult. The criminal proceedings have been suspended while competency is

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Photo by Mariana Campos/Brooks Institute

## Libbey Goes Purple at Lavender Festival

Connie Early, one of the lead singers of Ojai Mardi Gras band, attends the Ojai Valley Lavender Festival at Libbey Park last Saturday. The singer performed the next day at the Meiners Oaks Solstice Festival.

## OJAI EVENTS

### “SEVEN YEARS IN TIBET” SCREENING

Spiritual Cinema Night will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at Casa de la Luna, 710 S. La Luna Ave. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). Sponsored by Symphony of Life Spiritual Center, the featured film will be “Seven Years in Tibet,” starring Brad Pitt. Discussion will follow the screening. Donations welcome. Parking is available on site. Call 625-1031 for more details.

### CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The Ventura County Arts Council Visual Arts Committee has issued a call to artists for submissions to its “Improbable” exhibit, which will open July 13 at the Atrium Gallery. This is a juried competition with cash awards. Friday is the deadline for submissions. Call 658-2213 or e-mail info@venturaartscouncil.org for information.

### FOURTH OF JULY EARLY DEADLINES

Government offices, banks, post offices, schools, libraries and most business offices, including the Ojai Valley News, will be closed Wednesday, July 4. The deadline to make the Wednesday, July 4, issue of the OVN is Friday, June 29, by noon.

### NO CHANGE IN TRASH PICKUP

Since Independence Day falls on a Wednesday this year, E.J. Harrison & Sons will maintain its regular trash and green waste collection schedule in Ojai and surrounding areas on Monday, July 2. For more information, call 647-1414.

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### CORRECTION

Following is some clarification to the police budget story from A1 of the Friday, June 22, paper. About 10 deputies per week are needed to cover Ojai Valley shifts, and they stay on the same beat in the same area for at least six months.

### “SACRED FEMININE”

The Ojai Foundation, 9739 Ojai-Santa Paula Road, will host a talk on “Going to the Heart of the Matter: Sustainability and the Sacred Feminine” on Thursday by Ilarion Merculieff, Aleut messenger, who is charged with carrying ancient elder wisdom into modern times. A reception with refreshments begins at 6 p.m., followed by the talk at 7 p.m. Cost: \$15. Call 646-8343 or go to ojaifoundation.org.

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# Social Host Ordinance explained

I want to start this article by congratulating all the 2012 graduates from our local schools. As a father of a high school student, I know the effort and determination it takes to be successful in reaching your goals; be it moving up to a university, going to a community college, serving our country in a branch of the military (as I did), or going out and starting your life in the workforce. Wherever your life takes you, I wish you well.

With the high school graduations behind us, I feel relieved. It seems like my fellow deputies and I spent the last week going from party call to party call. To do that, one or two cars show up on scene. We then evaluate the need for more deputies to show up. I've been to parties where it's taken over a dozen deputies to keep the peace. However, most parties can be handled through a simple advisement. Track down the party giver, and explain the laws to him. Most of time the music gets turned off and guests start leaving. This is one of the most common calls the sheriff's office responds to. A few of these parties require your favorite police department to enforce what is known as a

Social Host Ordinance. Both the city and county areas of the Ojai Valley have used this ordinance, to great success. In fact, every city in Ventura County has a variation of this law on its books.

So what exactly is the Social Host Ordinance? It's a law that has been enacted to curb underage drinking. What it says is that if the host of a party makes alcohol readily available to guests who are under the age of 21, the host of the party could face some pretty stiff penalties. Community service is one option. If community service is not completed, or the host is not allowed this option because of a history of not completing the program, the penalty is set at \$1,000. That's a pretty steep fine for allowing underage drinking at a person's house. Plus the ticket does not have to be issued right away; the police have up to 30 days to issue the citation.

But that's not all. If someone allows underage drinking at their house once, they get stung with the community service or the fine. If they allow it a second or more times, they get fined the thousand bucks, and they have to pay the salaries of the deputies who arrive to

break up the party!

Now wait a minute, what if mom and dad are out of town and 20-year-old Johnny decides to have a party with alcohol? Well, if mom and dad can prove they weren't there and didn't approve of the party, Johnny gets the ticket. He might not be the homeowner, but he was the host! This is the part where the community service comes into play. I don't know too many 20-year-olds who have a grand burning a hole in their pocket. I know fewer parents willing to pay the fine.

Why this big push to prevent underage drinking? Well, according to the Centers for Disease Control, alcohol use by persons under age 21 years is a major public health problem. Alcohol is the most commonly used and abused drug among youth in the United States, more than tobacco and illicit drugs. Although drinking by persons under the age of 21 is illegal, people aged 12 to 20 years drink 11 percent of all alcohol consumed in the United States. More than 90 percent of this alcohol is consumed in the form of binge drinks. On average, underage drinkers consume more drinks per drinking occasion than

adult drinkers.

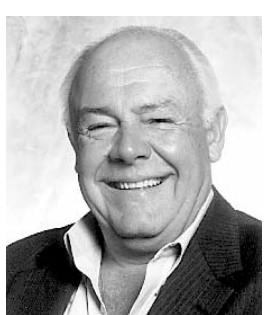
Also, underage drinkers are more likely to experience school problems like poor grades, social problems such as fighting, and alcohol-related car crashes. Alcohol abuse leads our kids to a greater risk of sexual assault. Plus alcohol abuse disrupts brain development that puts underage drinkers at a higher risk for alcoholism, drug abuse, and problems up to and including suicide.

So I guess the message I'm trying to get out is the Ojai Police Department cares about the kids in the valley. However, enforcement is only one part of the equation. If you have kids, talk to them about the risks of underage drinking. You're the biggest influence in their lives.

Until next time, Ojai. Take care of one another.

*Senior Deputy Ed Beauvais is a 16-year member of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. He has worked a variety of assignments, from gangs in El Rio and Satcoy, to elementary and middle school resource officer in the city of Camarillo. He is now assigned as the beat coordinator for the city of Ojai. He can be reached at edward.beauvais@ventura.org.*

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## Scam alert: fake credit card usage

Two black females have been entering Ojai Valley businesses and trying to buy merchandise using fake credit cards. In one instance, they tried to purchase over \$8,000 in jewelry; fortunately, the cards were declined.

If anyone has any information on either of these

crooks, call the Ojai Police Department at 646-1414.

If these women show up at your business, call 911 and get deputies there as soon as possible.

If they leave before the deputies arrive, try to get a vehicle description and/or license plate.

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**Ojai Valley Weather Report** **June 27, 2012**

**Seven Day Forecast**

**Wednesday**  
Sunny  
High: 89 Low: 53

**Thursday**  
Sunny  
High: 90 Low: 54

**Friday**  
Sunny  
High: 91 Low: 55

**Saturday**  
Sunny  
High: 90 Low: 54

**Sunday**  
Sunny  
High: 88 Low: 53

**Monday**  
Sunny  
High: 83 Low: 51

**Tuesday**  
Sunny  
High: 86 Low: 52

**In-Depth Local Forecast**


Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 89°, humidity of 47%. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 109° set in 1976.

**Last Week's Almanac**

Date	Hi/Lo	Normals	Precip
Mon.	79/59	84/53	0.00"
Tue.	77/58	84/53	0.00"
Wed.	79/58	85/53	0.00"
Thu.	77/58	85/53	0.00"
Fri.	77/58	85/53	0.00"
Sat.	79/57	85/53	0.00"
Sun.	84/58	86/53	0.00"

Rainfall since Oct. ....11.35"  
Normal rainfall .....20.76"  
Departure .....-9.41"

**Today's Regional Map**



**Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week**

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	5:47 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Thursday	5:47 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Friday	5:47 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Saturday	5:48 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Sunday	5:48 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Monday	5:49 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Tuesday	5:49 a.m.	8:13 p.m.

Full 7/3  
Last 7/10

**Local UV Index**

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

**UV Index**  
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

**Weather History**

**June 27, 1957** - Hurricane Audrey smashed ashore at Cameron, La., drowning 390 people and causing 150 million dollars in damage to Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Audrey left only a brick courthouse and a cement-block icehouse standing at Cameron.

**Weather Trivia**

**What was the deadliest tornado outbreak in the United States?**

**Answer:** The outbreak that hit Missouri, Illinois and Indiana in 1925 claimed 747 lives.

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## Obituaries



### Blair Bernice LaRue

Blair Bernice LaRue died June 4, 2012 in Ojai, California. She was born in Courtland, Nebraska on February 13, 1919 to Harry and Merle Codner. She met her husband, Wayne LaRue, in Washington, D.C., at church where they were both in the choir. Their love of music continued through the rest of their marriage; she often played the organ, while he directed the choir in the churches that they attended. They were married for 58 years before his passing in 2000.

Her undergraduate degree was in business and she went on to get a master's degree in Guidance and Counseling. She taught everything from kindergarten to high school and ended her career as a guidance counselor at Nordhoff High School in 1979.

Mrs. LaRue was a longtime member of the Ojai Presbyterian Church, where she held many leadership positions. She enjoyed singing in the choir with her husband and daughter, Leslie.

She will be sorely missed by her friends and family. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother to Leslie, Steve and Blair.

She is survived by her daughter, Leslie (Bill) Loneragan, and grandson, Blair Loneragan.

Special thanks go to the restaurants of Ojai, especially Garden Terrace and Boccali's, for the loving care they showed her when she went for lunch. Thanks, Donna.

Special thanks also go to Debra and Phillip Woodall and the staff at The Olive Branch of Ojai. Their loving care made her last years safe and comfortable. She was truly blessed to have been in their care.



### Edwin George Paulson

Edwin George Paulson died June 21, 2012 at the Ojai Valley Community Hospital Continuing Care Center following heart surgery in April. He was born August 3, 1920 in Chicago, Illinois to Edwin G. and Ruth Bennett

Paulson. Because of his father's employment-related transfers, the family lived in Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Louisville, Dallas and Cincinnati by the time he graduated from high school. He attended Ohio State University and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, serving in England and Alaska. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati Law School in 1949.

Ed married Claire Boisseau in 1954, and the family moved to Los Angeles in 1959, where he was Director of Industrial Relations for the Garrett Corporation. In 1967 he transferred to serve as Personnel Manager of Air Cruisers in Belmar, New Jersey. The family returned to Los Angeles in 1971, where he resumed his position with Garrett Corporation. After retiring in 1983, he became active in the Ojai Presbyterian Church, Help of Ojai, and the Retired Business and Professional Men's Club.

He leaves his wife, Claire, son Chip (wife Tina) of Denver, son David of Ojai, three grandchildren (Ryan, Adam and Bonnie) and three great-grandchildren (Ethan, Avery and Audrey), all of Colorado.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ojai Presbyterian Church or Help of Ojai. Inurnment will be in the Ojai Presbyterian Church columbarium.

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# Medina:

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being determined.

The defense, represented by Bramson on Tuesday, was looking to hold the July 12 date, set last week, since Ashley claimed she could provide the counsels with her report on that day when she took the stand last week.

"I don't see reason for continuance," Bramson said. "It doesn't seem good cause if she can get the report to us by then."

Haney responded that he believed the time for discovery and assessment as good cause, and

Cloninger agreed.

"We are just asking for the 30 days," Haney said.

After discussing a series of schedule conflicts for witnesses, Cloninger ruled firmly that the witnesses would have to appear if they could not make everyone happy.

"I'd like to calendar the trial for when it will be least disruptive for everyone, but the tail is not going to wag the dog. Witnesses will not dictate the schedule."

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from somebody."

In 2009, Clark came to the decision that since it was exponentially more expensive working with nomadic people, as you spend money chasing them down to provide basic services, she would let them come to her, so to speak, and the Nomad Foundation established a health clinic on a point on the migratory route of the native nomadic people. The foundation was given a well on the site, and the clinic began providing health care, education and other services to the nomads in an area where they were already familiar and comfortable.

"There is only one doctor for every 40,000 people in that country, most of whom live in the city," says Clark. "We're able to treat people at the clinic, but not women who go into labor in another village. It became clear that it's essential to get some way of helping them, to adapt to the experience there."

Clark enlisted Skankey's help to train the clinic's nurse practitioner, Ali Hamada, as well as five local, highly respected, though mostly illiterate women, in basic midwifery. The midwives were all given cell phones in order that they might be able to reach Hamada at all times, just in case they needed to be walked through a particularly difficult situation. So far, around 50 babies have been delivered by the team, without a single woman lost to maternal death.

"We're already beating the statistics!" says Clark. "Bob (Skankey) developed the program there, and he has just worked tirelessly ... it's absolutely amazing what he endures, his level of commitment."

The duo is planning on returning to Niger this November, to train seven more women. The goal is to then train the present midwives in such a way that they will be able to train others themselves, even such basics as how to wash their hands, the amount of water a pregnant woman needs to drink, the nutrition needed

to sustain a healthy pregnancy, and a basic birth plan.

"These are non-technical things, but so essential!" Clark says. "The ultimate goal is to create our programs in such a way that they can carry on without us." Clark said she has been amazed by how these illiterate, but very capable and bright, women in Niger are rapidly learning to read blood pressure and basic medical reports, with the aid of graphics. The change has created the ability to track statistics in a region, which historically has not bothered recording patient information. And for the first time, it has become possible to appeal to the government of Niger to work with the Nomad Foundation to save the lives of these women and infants.

"The national government (of Niger) hasn't been there yet, but we hope to develop better relations with them, because ultimately they should take it (the clinic's work) over," states Clark. "This (work) kind of took over my life. I feel blessed. It transformed my life as well, and it put me in touch with all kinds of wonderful people, like Bob."

"The people are very happy people, the Tuaregs. It's a very unique culture. They've lived the same way for thousands of years. And they've basically adapted to losing women to childbirth, and kids to various diseases, malaria, etc. They mostly live on millet, a grain, and milk from cattle or camels, many end up starving. The land is miserable there, hot, sandy. And yet they're happy," says Skankey. "It's fascinating to be out there, they are beautiful people ... What makes a life worth living is making a difference. It's very gratifying. It's no sacrifice, we get a lot out of it!"

Skankey and Clark are looking for help with their mission in Niger. For more information, visit [nomad-foundation.org/help-dr-skankey-train-midwives-from-ojai-to-africa](http://nomad-foundation.org/help-dr-skankey-train-midwives-from-ojai-to-africa).

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**The OUSD's Green Team – which organized all the projects that earned the school district national green school honors – includes executive director of Food for Thought Ojai Lori Hamor, left, Angie Genasci from Topa Topa, Jenny Sharif from Matilija, Wendy Varian from Mira Monte, FFT board member Theresa Bulla-Richards, Renee Roth from Matilija's Schoolyard Habitat, Janis Duncan from Meiners Oaks, and FFT green operations coordinator and teacher supporter Marleen Luckman. Not pictured are Heather Ramsey form Summit, Kathy McAlpine from San Antonio and Becky Beckett from Nordhoff. Also helping at school sites were additional faculty members and parents.**

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to use what's around them and expand what they're already doing into projects that are educational, good for the environment, and good for students' health.

Thanks to a grant from Food for Thought, Ojai schools began training teachers — members of the aptly dubbed Green Team — a few years back to use the Green Ribbon program and website in ways that worked for them.

For both Meiners Oaks Elementary School and Nordhoff High School, for example, their proximity to the Ojai Meadows Preserve allowed them to use the 58-acre wetland for a variety of projects. Students planted trees, went on bird-watching expeditions, and learned about how watersheds help filter water and provide habitat for a variety of species. San Antonio Elementary School took a field trip to the Limoneira Ranch in

Santa Paula to learn about beneficial insects for sustainable gardening, solar power, and using sheep to keep weeds out of fields.

Food for Thought had already established gardens at each school site, allowing teachers to implement projects like fruit and vegetable tasting days and to develop composting sites. Other projects included bringing reusable water bottles, reducing electricity usage, and cleaning up trash.

"So many exciting initiatives have been implemented in the area of health and nutrition and better eating habits," said OUSD superintendent Hank Bangser. Both Hamor and Bangser gave credit to Luckman for her work in helping coordinate the projects, and developing handbooks now available at each school to make project development easier.

Bangser also gave credit to OUSD director of nutri-

tion services Suzanne Lugotoff and transportation-site operations Eric Ordway for their numerous contributions to the effort.

Out of the 600 schools participating in the program nationwide, the Ojai schools are the only ones that have achieved certification in all four cornerstones on the Green Ribbon website: Eco-Campus, Nature Adventure, Health and Fitness and Natural Classrooms.

Meiners Oaks Elementary, in particular, stands out on the Green Ribbon Schools website as the model school featured on the site's home page. This year, Meiners Oaks took top honors in the 2012 Earth Month Challenge, a national contest. In fact, they won two out of the four categories in the contest — in Recycling and Nature Adventure.

The kids won not only the distinction of being the only public school to take first place in the contest, they also won a Kidz Sort Recycling Bin from Busch Systems (\$895 value) and 60 REI Naglene reusable water bottles (\$500 value).

"I am extremely proud of what Meiners Oaks has done as an award-winning school," said Bangser. "And the person who deserves a huge amount of credit for that is Janis Duncan, a sixth-grade teacher (and site project coordinator)."

"Meiners Oaks was able to get a lot of parent participation and student interaction," Luckman added. Luckman also gave kudos to Duncan, who organized an assembly at the end of the year so that the students could share the things they had done and learned.

"I was on the verge of tears like five times!" she recalled. "To learn how many kids were picking up trash on the campus, how

excited they were — it was so inspiring. I've been supporting the teachers in their efforts for the last few years, and it's trickling down. The students are carrying those (lessons) with them."

Hamor agreed. "The exciting thing about this is, the kids can take their enthusiasm with them as they go up (in grades). They can take these lessons with them to Matilija, and Nordhoff."

The OUSD schools' projects included:

- Meiners Oaks Elementary School: Daily eco-friendly awareness campaigns, nature education in the Ojai Meadows Preserve, farm-to-table education, Gardening Club
- Mira Monte Elementary School: Walk or bike to school Wednesdays, watershed education field trip, gardening and tasting vegetables, recycle-reduce-reuse program
- San Antonio Elementary School: Recycling Club, planting oak trees, morning fitness program, field trip to Limoneira Ranch ecotour
- Summit Elementary School: Recycling Club, on-campus garden, farm-to-table education, plant and animal education
- Topa Topa Elementary School: Composting, Garden Club, Fit Kids Club, seedling planting in the Ojai Meadows Preserve
- Matilija Junior High School: Recycling program, beach cleanup, exercise and nutrition projects, native garden habitat
- Nordhoff High School: organic vegetable garden, native plant garden, Ojai Meadows Preserve restoration history tour, healthy lifestyles assessment, Ventura River water quality ecotour

For more information or to get involved, visit [green-ribbonschools.org](http://green-ribbonschools.org) and [foodforthoughtojai.org](http://foodforthoughtojai.org).

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**Meiners Oaks Elementary School students work on one of their many projects in the Ojai Meadows Preserve.**



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THE CALENDAR OF OJAI VALLEY EVENTS

## This Week

**Wednesday, June 27**  
**"BRAVE"** — screens through July 5 at Ojai Playhouse, 145 E. Ojai Ave. Showtimes are daily at 7 p.m. with matinees Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Call 646-1011 for more details.  
**"BRIARS IN THE COTTON PATCH: THE STORY OF KOINONIA FARM"** — a one-hour documentary, will be screened by its producer, Sequoia Hamilton, today at 7 p.m. at World University, 107 N. Ventura St., Ojai, followed by discussion. The film chronicles events leading up to the birth of Habitat for Humanity and was featured at the 2003 Ojai Film Festival. It went on to win an Emmy and was aired on PBS. Donation: \$10. Visit [worldu.edu/events](http://worldu.edu/events).  
**MUSIC AT AZU** — Well-known Fern Barishman will entertain with all your piano bar favorites every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Azu, 457 E. Ojai Ave. Song requests are encouraged. For reservations call 640-7987.

**Thursday, June 28**  
**AN EVENING WITH TRADITIONAL ALEUT MESSENGER** — The Ojai Foundation, 9739 Ojai-Santa Paula Road, will host a talk on "Going to the Heart of the Matter: Sustainability and the Sacred Feminine" on Thursday by Ilarion Merculieff, who is charged with carrying ancient elder wisdom into modern times. A reception with refreshments begins at 6 p.m., followed by the talk at 7 p.m. Cost: \$15. Call 646-8343 or go to [ojaifoundation.org](http://ojaifoundation.org).

**Friday, June 29**  
**SPIRITUAL CINEMA NIGHT** — will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at Casa de la Luna, 710 S. La Luna Ave. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). Sponsored by Symphony of Life Spiritual Center, the featured film will be "Seven Years in Tibet," starring Brad Pitt. Discussion will follow the screening. Donations welcome. Parking is available on site. Call 625-1031 for more details.

**"REUNIONS"** — The world premiere of the musical, "Reunions" (two one-act stories), will run through July 1 at Ojai Youth Entertainers Studio, 316 E. Matilija St., with performances Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Directed by Marty Babayco with music by Jimmy Calire, book and lyrics by Jeffrey Scharf. Tickets: \$25; available at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) or call (800) 838-3006.

**Saturday, June 30**  
**AN HERB WALK** — on Sisar Creek with local herbalist Lanny Kaufer and special guest Michelle Dohrn, wildlife biologist and butterfly expert, will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Learn identification and uses of native plants and butterflies. Cost: \$25 for adults, \$15 for seniors and full-time students. No dogs. Register at [HerbWalks.com/Register](http://HerbWalks.com/Register) or 646-6281. (J29)  
**WHEELER GORGE PROGRAM** — On Saturday at 10 a.m., the Wheeler Gorge Visitor Center, 17017 Maricopa Highway, will host Gordie Hemphill leading a Webelos-Scout "Forester" program, covering forest trees and how humans and animals use

them. Learn about plants and the animals that depend on them. Fee: \$3 for adults and youths to cover cost of materials. Reservations are required. Call 640-9060.

**U-PICK LAVENDER** — New Oak Ranch, 9599 Ojai-Santa Paula Road, will be open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through July 29. Admission to the ranch is free. To cut your own lavender, there is a \$5 per bunch fee. Clippers are provided. For appointments or more information, call 640-1189.

**OJAI HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR** — is held Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., departing from the Ojai Valley Museum, 130 W. Ojai Ave. (approximately one-hour tours of downtown historical and cultural attractions). Docent Barbara Washburn will lead the June 30 tour. Cost is \$5 or \$15 per family. Drop-ins are welcome. For reservations, to schedule group tours or tours during the week, call 640-1390.

**FREE "MIME WORKSHOP"** — The Ojai Academy for the Arts and Candace Hull are collaborating to create a free "Mime Workshop" on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave. Children and adults are welcome to come and experience an hour of fun as pantomime artist Hull teaches her art. All materials and supplies are provided, and participants will have expert guidance as they learn the art of mime. Call 646-1639.

**WHEELER GORGE PROGRAM** — On Saturday at 1 p.m., the Wheeler Gorge Visitor Center, 17017 Maricopa Highway, will host Mike Havstadt leading a Webelos-Scout "Naturalist" program, covering respecting and protecting wildlife in the local forest. Learn about birds, reptiles, plants, food chains and ecosystems and how humans have changed the balance of nature. Fee: \$3 for adults and youths to cover cost of materials. Reservations are required. Call 640-9060.

**SUMMER FESTIVAL** — Casa de La Luna, 710 S. La Luna Ave., will host a summer festival Saturday from 4 to 9 p.m., featuring belly and fire dancers, Azteca dancers, massages, intuitive readers, art booths, silent auction, and musical performances by Raymond Powers and Shylah Ray Sunshine. The trailer for the upcoming film, "Tahi — The Human Journey," will be shown. The evening will conclude with a manifestation ceremony and traditional blessings. Donations suggested. Bring chairs and blankets. For more information, visit [casadelaluna.org](http://casadelaluna.org).

**"STRING SPECTACULAR"** — is the title of Pacific Shores Philharmonic Orchestra's inaugural summer season at Libbey Bowl, beginning Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., featuring the orchestra's string sections and performances of Mendelssohn and Vivaldi by award-winning Ojai violinist Yue Deng, concertmaster. Tickets: \$25 to \$99; available at [psphil.com](http://psphil.com) or call 620-1000. Student rush tickets at the door only, \$10.

**Sunday, July 1**  
**VISIONING AND PROSPERITY** — Sunday at 10 a.m. Symphony of Life will hold a meditation at Ojai Valley Woman's Club, 441 E.



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## Lions Club Installs Bridge at Meadows Preserve

On June 16, several Ojai Valley Lions Club members gathered to work on building a bridge across the ravine at Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's Meadows Preserve. Additional concrete will be poured June 23 to complete the project. Jay McArthur of Ojai Lumber made significant contributions to this project, as did Specialty Crane, which donated the crane and the services of the crane operator and two technicians to move and lower the bridge onto the concrete abutment. At top left is the concrete bridge abutment just before the bridge installation. At top right, Lions Club members Jeff Palmer, Brian Burg and Joel Frazier, along with Brandon Frazier, work on putting the railing on the bridge. Above left, Specialty Crane employees move and lower the bridge onto the concrete abutment. Above right, local Tracy Watson is the first resident to cross the bridge.

Ojai Ave., followed by a visioning celebration at 10:30 a.m., "What Is God's Idea of a Spiritual Community in Ojai?" Food will be served and a free one-hour Prosperity Class will follow from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. For more information, call the Rev. Karen Wylie at 715-9796.

**RAIN PERRY CONCERT** — The "Jammin' at the A.C." music series at the Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St., continues Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. with a performance by Rain Perry. Fee: \$10. Food, drinks and desserts will be available. Call 646-0117 for more details.

**Tuesday, July 3**  
**FREE PATRIOTIC CONCERT** — On Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Libbey Bowl, the Air National Guard Band of the West Coast will perform in a free concert, sponsored by the Ojai Independence Day Committee. The concert will include traditional wind ensemble repertoire, patriotic music and marches. The Air National Guard Band of the West Coast has performed throughout the country and abroad since its inception in 1942.

**"NO ONE IS INDEPENDENT"** — will be discussed at the American Vedic Association Bhagavad-Gita As It Is Fellowship on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at 687 Villanova Road. "Think for yourself" may be in vogue, but in Vedic civilization everyone understood our inter-dependence. Now people speak of "oneness," but remain attached to "doing their own thing," while wondering why nothing ever changes.

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**"LATE NIGHT DANCE PARTY"** — Buddhahead Groove Factory will host a "Late Night Dance Party" on Tuesday at 9 p.m. at Ojai Youth Entertainers Studio, 316 E. Matilija St. Buddhahead Groove Factory plays world beat rhythms. Admission: \$10. Doors open at 8 p.m. for ticket sales. Call 646-4300.

## Down the Road

**FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS** — Ojai Valley Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. at Chaparral Auditorium, 414 E. Ojai Ave.; cost is \$6. The Youth Freedom Run begins at 8:45 a.m. at Libbey Park (\$1 donation). The "God Bless the USA" parade begins at 10 a.m., going down Ojai Avenue from Country Club Drive to Park Road; Alan Rains is the grand marshal. Parade awards will be given out at 1 p.m. at the Libbey Park gazebo. Gates open at 5 p.m. at the Nordhoff High School athletic field for the fireworks display, with music by Action Down beginning at 5:30 p.m.; the fireworks will start at 9:15 p.m. Call 646-4513 or 646-0076 for more information.

**"BUBBLE DAY"** — The Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave., will host a free "Bubble Day" for kids on July 5 at 3:30 p.m. as part of its summer program. Call 646-1639.

**"BOHEMIA BEATS SPOKEN WORD"** — will be hosted by Tree Bernstein on July 5 at Bohemia, 214 W. Ojai Ave., beginning at 7:30 p.m. with open mike original words (sign up at 7:15 p.m.). At 8 p.m., featured poet Todd Griese will read from "Gandy Dancer." Donations are appreciated. Call 640-7210.

**"THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN"** — screens July 6 through 19 at Ojai Playhouse, 145 E. Ojai Ave. Showtimes are daily at 7 p.m. with matinees Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Call 646-1011 for more details.

**"MUCHADO ABOUT NOTHING"** — Directed by Allan Hunt, the Gramercy Actors Theatre Ensemble, Thousand Oaks Repertory Company and Ojai Players will present Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," set in the Roaring '20s, at Libbey Bowl on July 6, 7, 8, 20, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. The Ojai Madrigal Singers will open each show at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20 general, \$10 seniors (62-plus), free for age 18 and younger. Go to [LibbeyBowl.org](http://LibbeyBowl.org), [gateplayers.org](http://gateplayers.org) or call 205-0431.

**"REPTILES FROM AROUND THE WORLD"** — On July 7 at 10 a.m., the Wheeler Gorge Visitor Center, 17017 Maricopa Highway, will host Tom Hagan and Sandy Chase, of the Southwestern Herpetological Society, who will present live lizards and snakes and give advice on which reptile to pick as a pet. Donations: \$3 for adults, \$2 for ages 5 to 18,

younger than 5 admitted free. Call 640-9060.

**READING OF "THE PERSECUTION OF MILDRED DUNLAP"** — On July 7 at 2 p.m., the Literary Branch of the Ojai Art Center will present actress Leslie Paxton reading "The Persecution of Mildred Dunlap," a novel by Ojai nurse practitioner Paulette Mahurin, who writes in her spare time. Refreshments will be served. The event will be held at the Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St. Call 646-0117.

**LOLA HAAG & CO.** — will perform jazz and contemporary music on July 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Il Giardino, 401 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai, 640-7381.

**"OJAI 5" RETURNS** — to Ojai Youth Entertainers Studio, 316 E. Matilija St., on July 7 at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Five local playwrights will have five hours to write five brand-new plays rehearsed for five hours and you're invited to pay just \$5 to see and vote for your favorite. Call 646-4300 or go to [ojaiyes.org](http://ojaiyes.org).

**SHOEMAKER BROTHERS CONCERT** — The "Jammin' at the A.C." music series at the Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St., continues July 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. with a performance by the Shoemaker Brothers. Fee: \$10. Food, drinks and desserts will be available. Call 646-0117 for more details.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** — Ojai Valley Baptist Church, 11642 N. Ventura Ave., will hold a

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free Vacation Bible School, July 9 through 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with the theme, "Amazing Wonders Aviation." It's for children in grades one through six. Call OVBC at 646-3362 or visit ovbaptist.com for more information.

**"ENGAGING THE FEMININE HEROIC"** — Local writers Deb Norton and Dara Marks will host a free introductory meeting on "Engaging the Feminine Heroic" on July 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Well, 214 W. Aliso St., Ojai, to encourage writers to engage more deeply with the creative aspects of their work. A wine and cheese reception will follow. Reserve space on or before July 9 by calling 640-1307 or e-mail Dara@daramarks.com.

**FREE "YOGA FOR KIDS"** — As part of its summer program, the Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave., will host Afi Kobari with "Yoga for Kids" on July 12 at 11 a.m. Call 646-1639.

**PEDDLERS' FAIR** — Ojai Peddlers' Fair will feature antiques, collectibles, crafts and clothing on July 14 and 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Chaparral Auditorium, 414 E. Ojai Ave., rain or shine. Proceeds will benefit Mira Monte Elementary School PTO.

**CUB SCOUT "WILDLIFE CONSERVATION" PROGRAM** — On July 14 at 10 a.m., the Wheeler Gorge Visitor Center, 17017 Maricopa Highway, will host

Gordie Hemphill leading a program teaching about casting animal tracks, learning about the endangered California condor and doing a small service project. Reservations are required; call 640-9060. Fee: \$3 for both youths and

adults to cover cost of materials.

**OAK VIEW CIVIC COUNCIL AWARDS DINNER** — The Oak View Civic Council will host its annual awards dinner and honorary mayor event on July 14 at 6 p.m. at the Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley Road. For more information: Elba Sanchez, 890-3343 or Cindy Dale, 649-4047.

**PHILHARMONIC LATIN JAZZ CONCERT** — The Pacific Shores Philharmonic will present Grammy-nominated Pete Escovedo and his Latin Jazz Orchestra in concerts at Libbey Bowl on July 14 at 8 p.m. and July 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$99. Call 620-1000 or visit psphil.com.

**VEGAN COOKING DEMONSTRATION** — On July 15 at 1 p.m., Ojai Seventh-day Adventist Church, 291 E. El Roblar Drive, will host an authentic cultural cuisine vegan cooking demonstration. Fee: \$10. Space is limited; R.S.V.P. to 844-8896.

**MILTON KELLEY CONCERT** — The "Jammin'" at the A.C." music series at the Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St., continues July 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. with a performance by Milton Kelley. Fee: \$10. Food, drinks and desserts will be available. Call 646-0117 for more details.

## Ongoing Events

**CRUISE NIGHT** — is held every third Friday from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Josephina's Cafe, 1205 Maricopa Highway, Ojai. Call 640-1905 for more information.

**FREE MAMMOGRAMS** — The Ojai Valley Community Health Center, 1200 Maricopa Highway, offers a Breast Cancer Early Detection Program which includes free breast exams for women 40 years old or older and free mammograms for women 50 and older who do not have any medical coverage and cannot afford these services. Call 640-8293 to see if you qualify.

**WESTON A. PRICE FOUNDATION** — The local chapter of the national nonprofit Weston A. Price Foundation meets every month on the third Sunday at 1 p.m. at Ojai Valley Community Church, Room 301, Leis Hall, 907 El Centro St. Learn about local, sustainable food resources, lacto-fermented foods, raw milk, and pastured meat and eggs. Call 640-3706 for information.

**WORLD OF ONE** — a support group for widows and widowers, meets at Little House, 111 W. Santa Ana St., the third Wednesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Call Help of Ojai, 646-5122.

**MEDITATION AND HEALING WORKSHOPS** — Weekly meditation and healing workshops are run by two well-known British



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## Downtown Trolley Stop Gets New Bench

The Optimist Club of Ojai has refurbished a downtown trolley stop bench on Ojai Avenue. The plaque on the bench says, "Optimist Club of Ojai, promoting youth in the Ojai Valley." Sitting on the bench is Optimist Club Secretary Dawn Shook.

healers, now living in Ojai. For details call Roger or Kim at 640-0211.

**QUILTERS ANONYMOUS** — meets every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 185 St. Thomas Drive. Beginners are welcome and membership is free. Call 649-5956 for information.

**HOME SECURITY PATROL** — The Ojai Valley Security Patrol provides home security for when you are on vacation. Call the Ojai Police at 646-1414 for information. Neighborhood Watch programs are also available.

**NOAH COMMUNITY SING** — A fun community sing, open to individuals and families, is held the third Sunday of each month from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Living Aikido Dojo, Oak View Park and Resource Center, 555 Mahoney Ave., Oak View. Donations accepted. For more information, call Craig at 637-4829.

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP** — meets Wednesday evenings. For information, call Andrew at 208-4428.

**OJAI BREAST-FEEDING HELP LINE** — is staffed by lactation professionals. Telephone counseling, information and referral are available free to the community. Ojai Breast-feeding Help Line: 646-5865.

**FREE PRENATAL CLASSES** — Clinicas del Camino Real offers free weekly prenatal classes in Spanish and English at all of its nine sites county-wide. They are held on Monday and Thursday

evenings throughout the year. In Ojai, the location is the Ojai Valley Community Health Center, 1200 Maricopa Highway. Call 640-8293.

**SCHOOLINKS HOMEWORK CENTERS** — SchoolLinks Homework Centers are open at the Ojai Library, Meiners Oaks Library and Oak View Library Mondays through Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. when school is in session. Call 289-0368.

**BRIDGE CLUB** — The Ojai Valley Bridge Club meets every Monday and Friday at 12:30 p.m. at the Ojai United Methodist Church on the corner of Maricopa Highway and Church Road. All bridge players are welcome. Call 646-1211 or 646-1964.

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT MOOSE LODGE** — The public is invited purchase breakfast every Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 1417, 382 Ventura Ave., Oak View, behind the post office.

**FREE PREGNANCY TESTS AND ULTRASOUND** — are offered at Life Choices Pregnancy Clinic, 103 Vallerio Ave., Ojai. Office hours are Mondays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Additional days and times available by appointment. Appointments are necessary for ultrasound. Free referrals and resource material on pregnancy, STDs and more are available during office hours. Call the 24-hour hot line at 646-6830 or e-mail info@ojailifechoices.org.

**OJAI VALLEY RETIRED MEN'S CLUB** — meets for

lunch and a presentation on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Soule Park Golf Club Banquet Room. Retired men, as guests or as prospective members, are always welcome. Call Ron Chegwidan at 646-3497.

**PAUSE4KIDS MEETINGS** — Pause4kids, a parents' group committed to helping children with special needs, meets twice each month: every third Tuesday at 9 a.m. and every fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. Call Kim at 646-6606 or visit pauseconejo.org.

**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP** — United Parents hosts a free parent support group on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at Aurora Vista Del Mar Hospital Conference Room. Call 653-6434, Ext. 243.

**MATILIJIA FLY FISHERS** — meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Little House, 111 W. Santa Ana St., Ojai. The meetings consist of informal fly-fishing discussions, notice of upcoming events of interest and fly-tying instruction and demonstrations. Visitors are welcome. Call 646-3469.

**DAY OF MINDFULNESS** — in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh is held at The Ojai Foundation the first Sunday of every month, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., led by a lay teacher from the Order of Interbeing and a council facilitator. Bring a sack lunch. By donation. For more information go to ojaifoundation.org.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** — A cancer support group offering encouragement, resources and prayer for cancer patients, family

members and friends is held the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 1290 E. Grand Ave., Ojai. For more information, call Sydnee at 649-9548 or Nancy at 646-6170.

**DIVORCE CARE** — A divorce recovery and support group meets each Monday at 7 p.m. at Ojai Valley Community Church, 907 El Centro St., Ojai. Divorce Care features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships" and "Forgiveness." Call 646-4324.

**OJAI VALLEY GUN CLUB** — The Ojai Valley Gun Club offers a public shoot day at 9 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Rose Valley Range. Call 984-9472 or visit ovgc.net.

**OJAI VALLEY PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP** — continues to meet the third Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. at Little House, 111 W. Santa Ana St. There are always knowledgeable people presenting tough questions and often getting clear answers. Call 988-7599.

**THE BREAKFAST CLUB** — is a morning meeting for business people. It brings them together to network and help each other to generate new prospects and also to share valuable marketing ideas. The club meets the first Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Eggs & Potatoes in Ojai. For more information, call Trixi Scantlin at 525-1917 or e-mail lohscan@aol.com.

## Reunions

• Nordhoff High School's Class of 1992 will hold its 20-year reunion on Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Ojai Valley Athletic Club. Tickets: \$65, not available at the door, must prepay. Send checks made out to Ynez Arce, P.O. Box 1107, Ojai, CA 93024. For more details: Facebook and search Nordhoff High School Class of 1992.

• The annual Nordhoffian Barbecue, open to all NHS classmates, will be held Oct. 7 from noon to 4 p.m. at Nordhoff High School, 1401 Maricopa Highway, Ojai. Menu is barbecued tri-tip and chicken. Cost: \$18 before Sept. 24, \$20 after and on site. Mail checks to: Nordhoffian, P.O. Box 518, Ojai, CA 93024. Contacts include Robyn Hohman-Wilson, 646-2888, nordhoffian@sbcglobal.net, and Jeanette Byrne, 4 9 7 - 7 0 3 8 , jbyrne1145@yahoo.com.

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### OCB TO OPEN VENTURA COMMUNITY BANK IN LATE 2012

In a strategic move that will ultimately increase opportunities for customers throughout Ventura County, Ojai Community Bank has announced that it will be expanding into the city of Ventura and consolidating its two Santa Paula Community Bank offices. Ojai Community Bank revealed plans to open a new location on Telegraph Road in Ventura, to be called Ventura Community Bank, a division of Ojai Community Bank, in the fourth quarter of 2012. Ventura Community Bank will join Santa Paula Community Bank as divisions of Ojai Community Bank, all three serving Ventura County with each location tailored to the specific needs of the city it serves. "Our goal is to provide specific service strategies to each community with local decision-makers, current local knowledge, tailored products and local staffing. At the same time the three locations provide a convenient network of banking centers in western Ventura County," said Dave Brubaker, a Ventura resident and president-CEO of Ojai Community Bank. "We have learned from our customers that along with the personal service

and technological conveniences we provide, they really want to know that their bank is listening to the needs of their specific business and cultural community," he said. "In response, we have given each of our locations the flexibility to deal with their own market and a website dedicated to their local market." Meanwhile, the Santa Paula Community Bank, a division of Ojai Community Bank, announced plans to consolidate its two branches in Santa Paula. Customers have been previously notified that effective Sept. 14,

2012, the Santa Paula Community Bank branch located at 948 E. Main St., Santa Paula, will close all of its accounts, including deposit accounts and loans, which will be relocated to the Harvard Boulevard branch at 537 W. Harvard Blvd., Santa Paula. "The consolidation of our Santa Paula branches is part of an overall repositioning strategy and will allow for an expansion into other areas of Ventura County," Brubaker added. "We are sincerely honored to be a part of the Santa Paula community and are grateful for their continued support."

Don Tello, division president of Santa Paula Community Bank, further explained, "Because these two branches are only one and a half miles apart, it just makes good economic sense to streamline resources. Ventura Community Bank, a division of Ojai Community Bank, will also offer a convenient banking stop for our residents who work in Ventura. "The consolidation will not affect the service levels or the products we provide our Santa Paula customers," Tello said. "We know our customers well and will work with each one individually to

ensure the transition is as smooth as possible. We value our community support in Santa Paula and this consolidation to the Harvard Boulevard branch provides superior parking for our customers and room for our community events such as Shred Day and our Mobile Blood Drive. We look forward to our continued long-term community relationship." Ojai Community Bank opened for business in March 2005. Ojai Community Bank stock is traded under the stock symbol OJCB. Investor information can be found on the bank's website at ojaicomcommunitybank.com.



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## Discussion illusion

Larry Yuva  
Guest editorial

It is that time again. Time to open up our wallets to the needy over at our Casitas Municipal Water District. On June 27, the district will “discuss” their proposal to jack up our water rates again. It won’t be much of a discussion though. Our board of directors have already made up their minds. They are going to raise our rates by 3 percent this year and again next year. That is for the water we use. Then they are raising our “service charges” by a flat 6 percent. The service charge is what we pay each month regardless of how much water we use. The reason for this rate increase according to Director Bergen is due to inflation and because we don’t use as much water these days. Those darn conservationists are always costing us money.

I say the directors have already made up their minds because in the decade or so that I have been following the “Special District” I have never known a public hearing to result in the public getting their voiced opinions considered. No matter how many people show up. And this time, three of the directors will probably be too busy thinking about their next ratepayer-financed vacation to be listening to that nagging public. Mr. Hicks, Mr. Word, and Mr. Baggerly have recently returned from a water conference up in Monterey. We

ratepayers picked up their \$200-per-night hotel room, paid them 55 cents a mile to drive up there, and gave them a nice food allowance too. Of course, we did not pay for the meals of the other people in their rooms, presumably their wives. But still, it must have been a nice cheap vacation. I doubt they would have spent their own money for the trip. Mr. Baggerly’s report complained that the speakers were boring. But then he got a two-fer deal. Rather than suffering through the entire conference, he and his guest just went up for one day. We paid for two nights at the plush resort.

Concerning the water rate increases, I have spent some time pouring over the financial statements prepared by the auditor that we ratepayers hired. According to his report, our water district doesn’t really need any more money. He says that in 2011, our net assets increased by 4 percent. That is more than \$3,000,000. True, the income was down due in part to the water conservation education that we have been paying the district to implement. But also because the Recreation Area is such a money loser — always has been and always will be. And despite what the directors will preach to you, that campground and water park is financed by us ratepayers. Last year the recreation department lost \$444K and the year before it was \$186K. Throw in the depreciation of their “assets” and

the fact that they do not pay their full share of the operational overhead of the district and we are talking big-time loser.

But no one at the district really loses. I mean, none of the employees and the board of directors. No matter how much they tell us that their costs are uncontrollable, we never hear about them actually trying to control their costs. The directors will tell us that it is the overhead of wages and benefits that justify a rate increase. Well, it is not written into law that we cannot cut back on the number of employees or renegotiate their “automatic” cost of living increases. After all, our schools are losing teachers and classes and activities. The staff at CMWD, to my knowledge, has never been reduced or had any of its perks taken away. And they get plenty of perks. We even buy boots for the employees. Damn good ones too, since they are not spending their money for them. They buy two pairs a year at up to \$170 a pair.

And how about that fisheries biologist we are subsidizing? We have been paying him a salary of \$120,000 a year, paying for his education so he can get his doctorate and then flying him down here from Oregon seven or eight times a year so he can actually work for us. Why? We have been paying his education for seven years and he still doesn’t have a doctorate. And, he is taking his courses online, so we buy him computers, internet

## thumbs up, down



- A reader sends an enormous thumbs-up to the Ojai Valley Lions Club for your “Ojai Movies in the Park” program. “Thank you for taking such great care of our kids — we appreciate you, and we thank you!”
- A reader sends a thumbs-up to The Mob Shop for their great new bike shop in downtown Ojai — a welcome addition. “Nice staff, very knowledgeable, and a great place to hang out. Thank you, guys, for making elegance (your shop) out of an eyesore (previous building!)”
- A reader sends a thumbs-up for the world-class service that Bicycles of Ojai has been providing him and his family over the last 25 years. “In addition I wanted to thank them for everything they have done for the Ojai community.”
- A reader sends five thumbs-up to the Ojai weather gods. “The last two weeks have been perfect! Misty foggy mornings and beautiful sunny days. Wish it could stay this way all summer.”



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connection, printers, telephones, you name it. The end is not in sight nor is the benefit to us. It’s an endless money pit.

Then there’s our board of directors. Three of them are up for election and I say it is time for them to get a real job and buy their own health insurance. They have been dinging us ratepayers some \$70k per year for their health insurance — full-time health insurance for very part-time work. We give them health insurance, free passes to Lake Casitas, free trips to “conferences” in places like Monterey, Palm Springs, Lake Tahoe. They can spend our money, but they seem unable to save it.

A closing word about the CMWD budget which will be adopted at the meeting

on June 27. The budget that they passed last year demonstrates that the managers at CMWD have no idea about the value of other people’s money. Their final budget last year showed that while they underestimated their revenues by \$1,398,031, they overestimated their expenditures by three times that amount. They budgeted themselves \$15 million and, try as hard as they could to spend it all, they could only spend \$11 million. It is so obvious that rate increase is needed — if you can train yourself to think like a Casitas person.

In conclusion, there is really not much we can do about the mess at our special district. They won’t listen. They won’t give up their easy life. Think about

it. Going to work at Lake Casitas every day in your new free boots. Looking in the catalogs to see which class or seminar or conference in what swell place you can get paid to attend. The security of knowing no matter what happens, life will get only get better because you are guaranteed a wage increase each and every year. Nobody is going to change that sweet deal. You, we, can only vote it out. Vote out those three directors. They have shown that they have no interest in changing anything, so we have to give them a change.

Larry Yuva has lived in Ojai for about 20 years and is a concerned citizen who has been attending CMWD meetings for 10 years.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Shame on you, thrift store thief

SHEILA CARLTON, OJAI

Shame on the person who took the items I had set out for the thrift store to pick up. You were seen taking the items. You stole from the poor and needy. If you are in need, go to either one of these stores, I am sure they would be glad to help you. I am sorry you felt you were entitled to take the things set out for them.

### Smart Meters: the beef goes on

SUSAN WILLIAMSON, OJAI

I spent several hours answering questions at the Farmers’ Market about Smart Meters. Many people said the meters were installed when they weren’t at home and without their permission. That was illegal. You can call SCE and demand that the meter(s) be removed immediately. Many other people who had opted out wanted to know about the form they got from SCE giving them two choices: 1) opt in, or 2) opt out and pay fees. It’s important to check the opt out box, even if you have already been put on the delay list. As for the fees, they have been put on hold due to multiple issues, so you can just cross out the wording that refers to paying any fees. This way you are opting out and not agreeing to pay illegal fees that have not been approved by the CPUC.

According to California statutes:

The Public Utilities Code section 745(d) states, in part, “On and after January 1, 2014, the commission shall only approve an electrical corporation’s use of default time-variant pricing in a manner consistent with the other provisions of this part, if all of the following conditions have been met: (1) Residential customers have the option to not receive service pursuant to time-variant pricing and incur no additional charges as a result of the exercise of that option ...”

Note that “time-variant pricing” is one of the functions of Smart Meters — that’s why your bills will double if you allow them to be installed.

SCE has claimed that they don’t have any analog meters. One woman called them on this lie and threatened to sue over medical issues. They replaced the meter the next morning.

### Apology issued for harsh letter

NANCY HILL, OJAI  
INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMITTEE

The Fourth of July parade, patriotic show at Nordhoff and the fireworks are a tribute to the hard-working committee members of our community. Each and every volunteer does their very best and sometimes mistakes are made.

Recently, a letter soliciting contributions for our Fourth of July fund went out to a number of members of our community.

Unfortunately, the wording was inappropriate and not in keeping with our mission. To those who received this letter, I’m truly sorry. It was not intended to foment ill will but represented a volunteer’s over-enthusiastic efforts to solicit contributions. The letter’s author signed my name, Nancy Hill, as I’m the chair of the committee. Thus, I take responsibility and apologize to those of you who were offended. That being said, on behalf of the committee and volunteers, I wish each and every one of you a happy Fourth of July and I look forward to seeing you on July 4.

### You’re in good bags with Allstate

JILL OLIVARES, OAK VIEW

In an effort to support our local community with the upcoming Ojai plastic bag ban we at Allstate, Jill Olivares’ office, have complimentary re-usable grocery bags for your convenience. Stop by and say hi to pick up your grocery bag. We are located behind the Oak View post office in Oak View.

### Eubanks’ ‘No Exit’ ending run

JOYCE McWILLIAMS, OJAI

Tom Eubanks, artistic director, Elite Theater Group, and an Ojai Valley resident, has brought to their new “Between the Pillars” program, a classic production of John Paul Sartre’s play, “No Exit.”

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Presented in the theater-in-the-round intimate setting of the Elite Theater’s Petite Playhouse, this important work, representative of the existential movement of the ‘50s and ‘60s, fostered by Sartre (winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature 1964), is in the perfect place for the element of intimacy that this great work requires. Directed by William H. Waxman, new to Ventura County, who has done a fine job in delineating the intensity of the characters’ plight, given in performances by four talented actors. These despicable persons have died and are compelled to be locked in a room together for an eternity. The quote from the play l’enfer, c’est les autres, “Hell is other people,” refers to certain people, like those in the context of this play.

The four characters in the roles are the mysteri-

ous valet, portrayed by Robert Byrne; Joseph Garcin, World War II Army deserter, coward and cruel husband portrayed by Brian Kolb; Inez Serrano, a seductive murderess portrayed by Jessica Gillette; and Estelle Rigault, a rich, cruel, spoiled adulteress, portrayed by Christina Colombo.

High-level performances were given by all. This piece is full of irony and satire as well as some cutting comedy. All of you literature majors and lovers of French

existentialist pieces and Sartre are urged to attend this performance.

“No Exit” is the first production of ETC’s new “Between the Pillars” program. “No Exit” runs through July 2, Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. General admission is \$15, \$12 for students, seniors and military. Call 895-483 for reservations; seating is limited.

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## Sidewalk Talk

Asked by Ashley Turbyfill

Should welfare applicants be required to undergo drug testing?



Anne Miotti

Yes, I think people should be drug tested to be on welfare. You have to be drug tested to get a job. I think being tested to stay on welfare is appropriate.



Arthur Kitt

No, I don’t ... There are people who are struggling in life ... and part of that could be drug addiction. The point is that we want to help people who are in need.



John Guild

It’s an affirmative yes. If you’re giving government or people’s money, they should make sure it’s not going to something illegal or illicit.



Maureen O'Brien

Part of me says yes they should test ... but the other part of me knows there are some very needy people who are struggling with addiction who also need food and shelter.



Steve Jones

I’m going to go with my first gut reaction, yes. If a person wants the benefits of the program the federal or state government, I think they should be required to ...

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# Villanova students sew dresses for girls in Africa

A dozen Villanova Preparatory School students and mothers convened on campus June 22 to sew dresses for young girls in Africa. The nonprofit



Photo submitted  
**Haley Yanez reviews patterns and instructions before getting to work on a dress.**

organization provides simple dresses, made out of pillowcases, and distributes them through orphanages, churches and schools in Africa. Wildcat students who participated included Haley Yanez, Stacey Yanez, Elle Massar, Kylie Obermeier, Barbara Obermeier, Elissa Root, Mary Catherine Root, Roxanne Massar, Gabriel Orpilla, Kierin Sullivan, Maddy Sullivan and Ana Sullivan.

"I have always wanted to be able to be involved in something bigger than myself," said Villanova student Maddy Sullivan, explaining why she decided to participate in the project. "I have done service in the past like making blankets for children in the hospital for Project Linus and making baby blankets for Life Network, but I wanted to help someone that maybe does not have clothes at all. While there is great suffering in America, even the poor have something on their backs. I want to help people who I



Photo submitted  
**Ana and Maddy Sullivan pin fabric from a pillowcase to make a dress.**

feel need it the most, and I love making little dresses knowing that it will bring a smile to a young girl!"

"I'm so proud of Maddy for wanting to do this project," said Ana

Sullivan, volunteer mother. "I'm also so proud of all the students who were willing to give up the first dress that they have ever made; that is truly a heart of service."

Because of the success

and enthusiasm of the participants, another event will be planned for August in order to reach the goal of 50. For more information on the project, visit [littledressesforafrica.org/blog](http://littledressesforafrica.org/blog).

## At School

**Todd Landsman**, a 2006 honors graduate of Nordhoff High School, graduated summa cum laude from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo on June 10. He was awarded a bachelor of science degree

in mechanical engineering and a master of science degree in biomedical engineering. Landsman will continue his education this fall at Texas A&M University, seeking a doctorate in biomedical engineering.

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## Ojai Art Center Honors Top Three Photographers

It was a clean sweep for Ojai photographers as Bob Rene, Sally Carless, and Fred Rothenberg took top honors (second, first, and third prizes, respectively) at the ninth annual Ojai Art Center's Photography Branch exhibit, "Reflect." You can still view the acclaimed show through July 3. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., at 113 S. Montgomery St., Ojai.

## OWC raised funds for Ojai Library

As part of the month-long Summer Writing Workshop Series, the Ojai Writers Conference organization presented a "Book Tea" designed to raise funds for the Ojai Library. Small Publishers, Artists and Writers Network, a 16-year-old

Ojai-based organization purchased two tables for their members, donating \$500 to the library fund. S.P.A.W.N. was spawned in Ventura County. In 1996, Mary Embree saw a need to provide networking opportunities for those seeking informa-

tion and guidance within the publishing industry, as well as collaboration opportunities among authors, illustrators, graphic designers, printers, publishers, editors and so forth. She set up three chapters in three counties and held month-

ly meetings at each venue. Currently, S.P.A.W.N. is online only at [spawn.org](http://spawn.org). Longtime Ojai resident Patricia Fry has been involved in S.P.A.W.N. since the beginning and is the current executive director.



Photo submitted

Seated at the S.P.A.W.N. tables at the "Book Tea," held recently at the World University were: Laura and Jerry Malugeon of Orange County, left, Virginia Lawrence (Northridge), Patricia Fry (Ojai), Louis Lapides (Ventura), Tammy Dittmore of Newbury Park, Wendy Dager (Simi Valley), and David and Ryan Perkins from Northridge. Not shown is Kristina Kulchin of Santa Barbara.

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## VPS strong early in Westmont tourney

The Villanova Prep Wildcats (2-6) beat Rosamond in their first boys' basketball game of the Westmont College Tournament in a low-scoring affair, 36-25. The Wildcats got out to an early start and led the entire game due to their great zone defense according to head coach Jon Wyers. The Wildcats also rebounded the ball well against Rosamond. The VPS offense was not executed as well as Wyers would have liked at times, but they did show some nice flashes.

During the first half, the Wildcats were able to build a double digit lead, but Rosamond cut the lead to one (17-16) by halftime after finding the high post gap in the Wildcat zone. After some defensive adjustments and Kurt Dorenkamp's hot shooting to start the half, the Wildcats blew the game

open and held a double-digit lead the rest of the way. Also shining for the Wildcats was Noah Cohan who played very well around the basket. Scoring in the game for Villanova were: Dorenkamp (19), Noah Cohan (nine), Shane Hall (six), and Kolby Ramirez (two).

In the first game of day two of the tournament, the Wildcats played Santa Paula and lost, 51-24. They got off to a very slow start and the Cardinals built a 22-0 lead after the Wildcats went scoreless for the first 11 minutes of the game. After their slow start the Wildcats played better and were able to keep pace with Santa Paula. Dorenkamp led the team with five points in the loss.

In the second game of day two, the Wildcats played Cabrillo and lost, 55-30. The Wildcats had a tough time breaking the Cabrillo full court press

and turned the ball over. According to Wyers, the Wildcats also got outrebounded on the glass and could not match the physicality that Cabrillo was playing with. Scoring for the Wildcats were: Dorenkamp (14), Cohan (nine), Luke Boyd (three), Mark Roberts (two), and Mark Villafana (two).

On the last day of the tournament the Wildcats lost to Mount Carmel, 51-19. Once again the Wildcats struggled to match the physical toughness and athleticism of the team they faced. Mount Carmel came out full court pressing and half court trapping and the Wildcats did not execute their press break or half court trap offense to offset the pressure.

The Wildcats' next varsity-level tournament will be played at Carpinteria on July 6.



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**Ojai resident Tiana Coudray is battling to earn a spot on the US Olympic team that will be headed to London later this summer. The final team will be announced on July 2.**

## Coudray in the hunt for Olympic team spot

*Tiana Coudray among final nine U.S. equestrians*

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Longtime Ojai Valley resident Tiana Coudray is on the fringe of making the 2012 Olympic team in the equestrian three-day event. Known as the triathlon of equestrian riding, the event consists of dressage, cross-country course with obstacles and stadium jumping. After the three days of competition, the scores are tallied to determine the top rider and horse. Coudray was recently placed on the short list of nine American riders that are challenging for five spots on the Olympic Team.

Coudray and her family moved from Montecito when she was in the third grade so she could attend Ojai Valley School. The London Olympic hopeful has been living in England to perfect her craft, but her ties run deep in Ojai. When not living in England, Coudray teaches riding technique locally. As a 23-year-old athlete, Coudray is very young in the equestrian community and she is seen as one of the up-and-comers in the sport.

Equestrian sports were not where Coudray got her start. She started her athletic career as an Irish dancer and qualified for the Dancing World Championships where she earned an eighth place finish. The two sports have complemented each other and dancing translated

into the kind of strength conditioning, balance and discipline that equestrian sports require.

Coudray is currently participating in a training camp, but her next major step in being selected for the team that will compete in London is a competition that will be held at Barbury Castle in England. The riders and horses that perform well at that competition will be named to the 2012 Olympic Team.

The final selections will be announced on July 2. For more information of Coudray's pursuit of her Olympic dreams, see future editions of the OVN. Should she qualify for the Olympic Team, Coudray's family is working on organizing a viewing party at The Village Jester in Ojai.



Photo by Ken Brown

### Reserved Seating for Ranger Fans Coming

With the highly anticipated 2012 Nordhoff Ranger football season quickly approaching, members of the Nordhoff Parent Association (NPA) will have the opportunity to purchase up to four reserved football seats per family at \$20 a seat. NPA members who purchased seats last year will be able to purchase the same seats on Aug. 9 and Aug. 10 at NHS with Roxanne Farrar from 8 a.m. to noon. New members may purchase any available seats starting on Aug. 11. The Rangers, shown above in their Blue and Gold Game, promise to be an entertaining team this fall. All questions can be directed to Farrar at 640-4343, Ext. 1764.

## AYSO registration taking place Saturday at NHS

This Saturday is the last day to register for the fall season of American Youth Soccer Organization in Ojai. After the June 30 deadline, all sign-ups will be on a space-available basis with no guarantee of team placement. AYSO will have a registration booth at the Nordhoff athletic fields on Saturday, where all currently

registered players, including new registrants, are invited to participate in scrimmages that will be held throughout the day. Scrimmages are scheduled by age divisions starting at 9 a.m., details are posted on [ojaiayso.org](http://ojaiayso.org) where players can also sign up to register online.

Player ratings for new registrants will also be

conducted as part of the process to assure balanced teams. Registration fees are \$140 per child with a \$10 discount for siblings. Need-based scholarships are available to assure that everyone has the opportunity to participate.

Registrants need to bring birth certificate for proof of age.

## Front Nine Golf Club kicks off summer session play

The Front Nine Women's Golf Club turned out last Thursday for their first mini-tournament of the summer. A record-breaking 25 golfers came to play on a beautiful spring-like day at Soule Park Golf Course.

Playing for the first time with the league were Franci Nelson, Kat Gunn, Joyce Robinson and Ronnie Rodriguez. Former members returning for the 10-week session were Linda Bain, Margy Prentice, Mikki Coburn, Jodi Martin,

Linda Bell and Kris Dutter. The tournament of the day was "Fewest Putts" which was won by Sandy Blase with 13 putts for the nine-hole contest. Alone in second place with 14 was Robinson and a four-way tie for third was claimed by Carole Borland, Coburn, Marilyn Scott and Shirley Mc Clung with 16.

Launching a drive that measured 270 yards on the seventh hole was Jenny Davis winning the longest drive effort.

No one hit the green on the par-3 third,

meaning the pot will double for next week.

"Number three is well-protected by deep sand traps and is always a daring challenge to all players, but it was surprising with the number of golfers that no one landed on the green for the prize," said Front Nine organizer Mitnee Duque.

The second week of play will be held tomorrow.

Anyone wanting to join for the remaining nine weeks should call Duque at 646-6788 or 798-0525.



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### P.O.N.Y. Shetland Angels

Ojai P.O.N.Y. Baseball celebrated another fun season of playing ball in the valley this year. Pictured above are the Shetland Angels. Led by assistant coach Jody Garfield and manager Ryan Connell, the team included Eli Connell, front row left, Brady Vondriska, Daniel Connell, and Addyson Crawford; Colten Garfield, center row left, Cierra Garfield, Colten Roddick, Joshua Connell, and Charlie Schurmer. The team was sponsored by Xtreme Kids at Church of the Living Christ.

## Villanova Preparatory hosting four-day Volleyball Camp

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Participants will be given detailed individual instruction on basic skills then progress into advanced team concepts. Players will learn in a fun, fast-paced environment with a low player to coach

ratio. The camp will begin July 16 and run through July 19.

The hours will be 9 a.m. to noon. Players in grades six through eight are welcome and the camp is for players of all levels and experience.

Interested players should check in on July 6 at 8:30 a.m. at Villanova Prep School. Players should also bring

volleyball clothing (T-shirts, shorts, knee-pads, comfortable shoes), a water bottle with your name on it, and a good attitude and work ethic. The cost of the camp is \$80 per player and \$45 for additional siblings.

All questions regarding the camp can be directed to Loren Wiggins at [lwiggins@villanova.org](mailto:lwiggins@villanova.org).


**Want to see your favorite local athlete or team in the OVN this summer? Submit information and photos to OVN sports editor Mike Miller at [mike@ojaivalleynews.com](mailto:mike@ojaivalleynews.com).**



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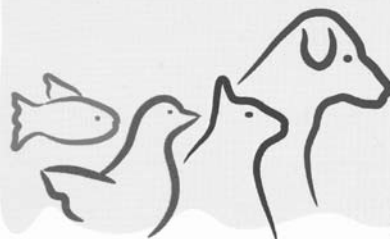
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File Number 20120531-  
10007558-0 1/1  
Ventura County Clerk and  
Recorder  
MARK A. LUNN  
File Date: 05/31/2012  
THE FOLLOWING  
PERSON(S) IS (ARE)  
DOING BUSINESS AS: LA  
VALLE RESTAURANT  
Street Address of Principal  
Place of Business (P.O. Box  
or PMB not acceptable):  
1002 E. OJAI AVE., Ojai,  
CA 93023, Ventura County  
Full name of 1st  
Registrant (Individual)/  
Corporation/Limited  
Liability Company:  
MARCO A. BELLO  
Residence Address of 1st  
Registrant (P.O. Box or PMB  
not acceptable):  
505 N. VENTURA ST. #10,  
OJAI, CA 93023  
Full name of 2nd  
Registrant (Individual)/  
Corporation/Limited  
Liability Company:  
BLANCA A. MIGUEL  
Residence Address of 2nd  
Registrant (P.O. Box or PMB  
not acceptable):  
505 N. VENTURA ST. #10,  
OJAI, CA 93023  
THIS BUSINESS IS  
CONDUCTED BY: Husband  
and Wife  
The registrant commenced  
to transact business under the  
fictitious business name or  
names listed on 5/31/12.  
I declare that all information  
in this statement is true and  
correct.

(A registrant who declares as  
true information which he or  
she knows to be false is  
guilty of a crime.)  
MARCO A. BELLO  
/s/MARCO A. BELLO  
NOTICE – in accordance  
with subdivision (a) of  
Section 17920, a fictitious  
name statement generally  
expires at the end of five  
years from the date on which  
it was filed in the office of  
the county clerk, except, as  
provided in subdivision of  
section 17920, where it  
expires 40 days after any  
change in the facts set forth  
in the statement pursuant to  
section 17913 other than a  
change in residence address  
or registered owner. A new  
fictitious business name  
statement must be filed  
before the expiration. The  
filing of this statement does  
not of itself authorize the use  
in this state of a fictitious  
business name in violation of  
the rights of another under  
Federal, State, or Common  
Law (see section 14411 ET

SEQ., Business and  
Professions Code).  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of  
Ventura on the date indicated  
by the file stamp above.  
OVN06-12-12  
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June 13, 20 & 27, 2012  
ASAP #4256671  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S  
SALE APN: 018-0-0160-060  
TS No: CA09005228-11-1  
TO NO: 5740740 YOU ARE  
IN DEFAULT UNDER A  
DEED OF TRUST DATED  
May 19, 2005. UNLESS  
YOU TAKE ACTION TO  
PROTECT YOUR  
PROPERTY, IT MAY BE  
SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.  
IF YOU NEED AN  
EXPLANATION OF THE  
NATURE OF THE  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST  
YOU, YOU SHOULD  
CONTACT A LAWYER. On  
July 9, 2012 at 11:00 AM, at  
the main entrance to the  
Government Center Hall of  
Justice, 800 South Victoria  
Avenue, Ventura, CA, MTC  
FINANCIAL INC. dba  
TRUSTEE CORPS, as the  
duly Appointed Trustee,  
under and pursuant to the  
power of sale contained in  
that certain Deed of Trust  
Recorded on June 1, 2005 as  
Instrument No. 20050601-  
0131720 of official records  
in the Office of the Recorder  
of Ventura County,  
California, executed by  
ROBERT A. RODARTE, II  
AND SONIA M.  
RODARTE, HUSBAND  
AND WIFE AS JOINT  
TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in  
favor of WASHINGTON  
MUTUAL BANK, FA, A  
FEDERAL ASSOCIATION  
as Beneficiary, WILL SELL  
AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO  
THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in  
lawful money of the United  
States, all payable at the time  
of sale, that certain property  
situated in said County,  
California describing the  
land therein as: AS MORE  
FULLY DESCRIBED IN  
SAID DEED OF TRUST  
The property heretofore  
described is being sold "as  
is". The street address and  
other common designation, if  
any, of the real property  
described above is purported  
to be: 1372 CRUZERO  
STREET, OJAI, CA 93023  
The undersigned Trustee  
disclaims any liability for  
any incorrectness of the  
street address and other  
common designation, if any,  
shown herein. Said sale will  
be made without covenant or  
warranty, express or implied,

regarding title, possession, or  
encumbrances, to pay the  
remaining principal sum of  
the Note(s) secured by said  
Deed of Trust, with interest  
thereon, as provided in said  
Note(s), advances if any,  
under the terms of the Deed  
of Trust, estimated fees,  
charges and expenses of the  
Trustee and of the trusts  
created by said Deed of  
Trust. The total amount of  
the unpaid balance of the  
obligations secured by the  
property to be sold and  
reasonable estimated costs,  
expenses and advances at the  
time of the initial publication  
of this Notice of Trustee's  
Sale is estimated to be  
\$252,422.59 (Estimated),  
provided, however,  
prepayment premiums,  
accrued interest and  
advances will increase this  
figure prior to sale.  
Beneficiary's bid at said sale  
may include all or part of  
said amount. In addition to  
cash, the Trustee will accept  
a cashier's check drawn on a  
state or national bank, a  
check drawn by a state or  
federal credit union or a  
check drawn by a state or  
federal savings and loan  
association, savings  
association or savings bank  
specified in Section 5102 of  
the California Financial  
Code and authorized to do  
business in California, or  
other such funds as may be  
acceptable to the trustee. In  
the event tender other than  
cash is accepted, the Trustee  
may withhold the issuance  
of the Trustee's Deed Upon  
Sale until funds become  
available to the payee or  
endorsee as a matter of right.  
The property offered for sale  
excludes all funds held on  
account by the property  
receiver, if applicable. If the  
Trustee is unable to convey  
title for any reason, the  
successful bidder's sole and  
exclusive remedy shall be  
the return of monies paid to  
the Trustee and the  
successful bidder shall have  
no further recourse. DATE:  
June 7, 2012 TRUSTEE  
CORPS TS No.  
CA09005228-11-1 17100  
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92614 949 252-8300  
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COLLECTOR  
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PURPOSE. Notice to  
Potential Bidders If you are  
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property lien, you should  
understand that there are  
risks involved in bidding at a  
Trustee auction. You will be  
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highest bid at a Trustee  
auction does not  
automatically entitle you to  
free and clear ownership of  
the property. You should also  
be aware that the lien being  
auctioned off may be a  
junior lien. If you are the  
highest bidder at the auction,  
you are or may be  
responsible for paying off all  
liens senior to the lien being  
auctioned off, before you can  
receive clear title to the  
property. You are encouraged  
to investigate the existence,  
priority, and size of  
outstanding liens that may  
exist on this property by  
contacting the county  
recorder's office or a title  
insurance company, either of  
which may charge you a fee  
for this information. If you  
consult either of these  
resources, you should be  
aware that the same Lender  
may hold more than one  
mortgage or Deed of Trust  
on the property. Notice to  
Property Owner The sale  
date shown on this Notice of  
Sale may be postponed one  
or more times by the  
Mortgagee, Beneficiary,  
Trustee, or a court, pursuant  
to Section 2924g of the  
California Civil Code. The  
law requires that information  
about Trustee Sale  
postponements be made  
available to you and to the  
public, as a courtesy to those  
not present at the sale. If you  
wish to learn whether your  
sale date has been  
postponed, and, if applicable,  
the rescheduled time and  
date for the sale of this  
property, you may call  
telephone number for  
information regarding the  
Trustee's Sale or visit the  
Internet Web site address on  
the previous page for  
information regarding the  
sale of this property, using  
the file number assigned to  
this case, CA09005228-11-1.  
Information about  
postponements that are very  
short in duration or that  
occur close in time to the  
scheduled sale may not  
immediately be reflected in  
the telephone information or  
on the Internet Web site. The  
best way to verify  
postponement information is  
to attend the scheduled sale.

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06/20/2012, 06/27/2012  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File Number 20120517-  
10006866-0 1/1  
Ventura County Clerk and  
Recorder  
MARK A. LUNN  
File Date: 05/17/2012  
THE FOLLOWING  
PERSON(S) IS (ARE)  
DOING BUSINESS AS:  
OJAI VILLAGE  
PROPERTIES  
State of incorporation: CA  
Street Address of Principal  
Place of Business (P.O. Box  
or PMB not acceptable):  
403 West Ojai Avenue, Ojai,  
CA 93023, Ventura County  
Full name of 1st  
Registrant (Individual)/  
Corporation/Limited  
Liability Company:  
Wanda J. Martin  
Residence Address of 1st  
Registrant (P.O. Box or PMB  
not acceptable):  
403 West Ojai Avenue, Ojai,  
CA 93023  
THIS BUSINESS IS  
CONDUCTED BY: An  
individual  
The registrant commenced  
to transact business under the  
fictitious business name or  
names listed on 6-17-97.  
I declare that all information  
in this statement is true and  
correct.

(A registrant who declares as  
true information which he or  
she knows to be false is  
guilty of a crime.)  
WANDA J. MARTIN  
Owner  
/s/WANDA J. MARTIN  
2/27/12  
NOTICE – in accordance  
with subdivision (a) of  
Section 17920, a fictitious  
name statement generally  
expires at the end of five  
years from the date on which  
it was filed in the office of  
the county clerk, except, as  
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or registered owner. A new  
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statement must be filed  
before the expiration. The  
filing of this statement does  
not of itself authorize the use  
in this state of a fictitious  
business name in violation of  
the rights of another under  
Federal, State, or Common  
Law (see section 14411 ET  
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Professions Code).  
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by the file stamp above.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File Number 20120517-  
10006879-0 1/1  
Ventura County Clerk and  
Recorder  
MARK A. LUNN  
File Date: 05/17/2012  
THE FOLLOWING  
PERSON(S) IS (ARE)  
DOING BUSINESS AS: 1)  
Heritage Financial, 2)  
Heritage Financial of Oxnard  
(4-5-7), 3) Heritage  
Financial of Ojai (4-5-7), 4)  
Heritage Financial of  
Ventura (4-5-7)  
State of incorporation: CA  
Street Address of Principal  
Place of Business (P.O. Box  
or PMB not acceptable):  
403 West Ojai Ave., Ojai,  
CA 93023, Ventura County  
Full name of 1st  
Registrant (Individual)/  
Corporation/Limited  
Liability Company:  
Wanda J. Martin  
Residence Address of 1st  
Registrant (P.O. Box or PMB  
not acceptable):  
403 W. Ojai Ave., Ojai, CA  
93023  
THIS BUSINESS IS  
CONDUCTED BY: An  
individual  
The registrant commenced  
to transact business under the

fictitious business name or  
names listed on 11-29-93.  
I declare that all information  
in this statement is true and  
correct.  
(A registrant who declares as  
true information which he or  
she knows to be false is  
guilty of a crime.)  
Wanda J. Martin  
President  
/s/WANDA J. MARTIN  
NOTICE – in accordance  
with subdivision (a) of  
Section 17920, a fictitious  
name statement generally  
expires at the end of five  
years from the date on which  
it was filed in the office of  
the county clerk, except, as  
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section 17920, where it  
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Federal, State, or Common  
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Professions Code).  
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Ventura on the date indicated  
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OVN06-17-12  
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June 13, 20 & 27, 2012  
ASAP #4257640  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S  
SALE Trustee's Sale No. 05-  
FWA-117411 YOU ARE IN  
DEFAULT UNDER A  
DEED OF TRUST DATED  
6/29/2004. UNLESS YOU  
TAKE ACTION TO  
PROTECT YOUR  
PROPERTY, IT MAY BE  
SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.  
IF YOU NEED AN  
EXPLANATION OF THE  
NATURE OF THE  
PROCEEDING AGAINST  
YOU, YOU SHOULD  
CONTACT A LAWYER. On  
July 5, 2012, at 11:00 AM,  
AT THE MAIN  
ENTRANCE TO THE  
GOVERNMENT CENTER  
HALL OF JUSTICE, 800  
SOUTH VICTORIA  
AVENUE, in the City of  
VENTURA, County of  
CALIFORNIA, State of  
CALIFORNIA, REGIONAL  
SERVICE CORPORATION, a  
California corporation, as  
duly appointed Trustee under  
that certain Deed of Trust  
executed by VALERI  
SHEME STALLINGS, A  
MARRIED WOMAN, as  
Trustors, recorded on  
7/7/2004, as Instrument No.  
20040707-0187555, of  
Official Records in the office  
of the Recorder of  
VENTURA County, State of  
CALIFORNIA, under the  
power of sale therein  
contained, WILL SELL AT  
PUBLIC AUCTION TO  
THE HIGHEST BIDDER,  
for cash, or cashier's check  
(payable at the time of sale  
in lawful money of the  
United States) without  
warranty express or implied  
as to title, use, possession or  
encumbrances, all right, title  
and interest conveyed to and  
now held by it as such  
Trustee, in and to the  
following described property  
situated in the aforesaid  
County and State, to-wit:  
TAX PARCEL NO. 032-0-  
191 -065 From information  
which the Trustee deems  
reliable, but for which  
Trustee makes no  
representation or warranty,  
the street address or other  
common designation of the  
above described property is  
purported to be 2451  
BONMARK DRIVE, OJAI,  
CA 93023. Said property is  
being sold for the purpose of  
paying the obligations  
secured by said Deed of  
Trust, including fees and  
expenses of sale. The total  
amount of the unpaid  
principal balance, interest  
thereon, together with  
reasonably estimated costs,  
expenses and advances at the  
time of the initial publication  
of the Notice of Trustee's  
Sale is \$705,283.65.  
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL

BIDDERS: If you are  
considering bidding on this  
property lien, you should  
understand that there are  
risks involved in bidding at a  
trustee auction. You will be  
bidding on a lien, not on the  
property itself. Placing the  
highest bid at a trustee  
auction does not  
automatically entitle you to  
free and clear ownership of  
the property. You should also  
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auctioned off may be a  
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outstanding liens that may  
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insurance company, either of  
which may charge you a fee  
for this information. If you  
consult either of these  
resources, you should be  
aware that the same lender  
may hold more than one  
mortgage or deed of trust on  
the property. NOTICE TO  
PROPERTY OWNER: The  
sale date shown on this  
notice of sale may be  
postponed one or more times  
by the mortgagee,  
beneficiary, trustee, or a  
court, pursuant to Section  
2924g of the California Civil  
Code. The law requires that  
information about trustee  
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SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA  
92602 Telephone Number:  
(800) 542-2550 Sale  
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Name(s) of the  
Applicant(s) is/are:  
JJ'S SPORT ZONE, LLC  
The applicants listed above  
are applying to the  
Department of Alcoholic  
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alcoholic beverages at:  
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Type of license(s) applied  
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Liability Company:  
Lilith Murphy  
Residence Address of 1st  
Registrant (P.O. Box or PMB  
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CA 93023  
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names listed on June/20/12.  
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guilty of a crime.)  
Lilith Murphy  
/s/LILITH MURPHY  
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ELEMENT OF SURPRISE By Elizabeth C. Gorski / Edited by Will Shortz

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11 Pop's relative?	51 "___ 1138" (1971 sci-fi film)	104 Sight on an Alaskan cruise		14 Atmospheric worries
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22 Mobile info organizer	59 Drapery adornments	112 Cause panic in a theater, perhaps	24 California's Santa ___ Mountains	
23 Every chemical element has one	63 Backup procedure	114 Seltzer bottle capacity	26 "Girl With a Hoop" and "The Umbrellas"	
25 Stalks in a soup kitchen	64 Chorus line leader?	117 Environmentalist's catchphrase	29 "The Last Don" author	
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28 Ginger cookie	67 Fan sound	120 Neighbor of Sask.	35 Farm females	
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37 Antlered animal	76 Roker and Pacino	126 Flirtatious lot		
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42 ___ anglais (English horn)	82 In the arms of Morpheus	1 Tiffs		
43 Congratulations indicator	83 Place	2 Tiny		
45 Have loans	85 ___ Diego	3 Like much avant-garde music		
46 Sue Grafton's "___ for Outlaw"	86 Harangues	4 Comment		
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	89 Big tippler	6 Webster's ref.		
	91 Financial page abbr.	7 Theological inst.		
	93 Some nods	8 Potential landfill pollutants, for short		
	94 Arborist's catchphrase	9 Car opener?		
	98 Gemini and Virgo	10 Presidential middle name		

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58 Farewells	79 Droopy-eared pet	95 Angola's capital	108 Unloads
60 Cleared	81 Tolkien forest creatures	96 "Law & Order" figure: Abbr.	111 English connections
61 Soup servers	82 Scroll holders	97 Green vehicle	113 Ukrainian city, formerly
62 Followers	84 One frequently being waved at	99 Marvin who sang "Let's Get It On"	115 Bud holder
64 Like pre-1917 Russia	87 Worry	100 Follow-up letters?	116 "King Kong" studio
66 Shoulder muscles, in gym-speak	88 Part of the Spanish Armada	101 Father, Son and Holy Spirit	
70 Love personified	90 Semester, e.g.	102 Seoul soul	



RISA D'ANGELES  
ASTROLOGY



## We build a lighted house and therein dwell

**Esoteric astrology as news for the week of June 28 through July 4:**

We are more than halfway through the year, moving swiftly toward winter solstice when three great time cycles end, and three greater time cycles begin. Humanity stands at the crossroads — to envision, build and construct the new Aquarian world, the new culture and civilization. Or not.

As the Piscean Age was the Age of Religion, the Aquarian Age is the Age of Humanity — no longer an age of kings, pharaohs or corporate ruling governments.

It is the age of humanity seeing the needs of its kingdom (and the kingdoms it stewards) and understanding its true spiritual purpose (World Disciple). It is humanity envisioning and constructing the new world — the “city four-square” — a specific esoteric phrase for “the new era or new sharing society.” This new era has four directions, four angels sounding four words, that each day ring around the square, directing humanity toward its essential tasks.

The northern angel says, “Be pure.” The southern, “Dedicate.” From the east, a light divine, “Love all.” And from the west, “Serve.” These four words — purity, dedication, love and service — are not virtuous qualities. They are potent occult forces, dynamic and creative,

producing precipitation — ancient in their meaning, these are the words of the white magician — “One who manifests, anchors spirit into matter, creating the new order and rhythm on Earth.” In the unfolding Aquarian Age, humanity is called to a new spiritual attainment — that of “building a lighted house for all of humanity to dwell within” — a “house” of peace, equanimity, unity, of love with right resources, right education, good will and right relations.

Tuesday's full moon, Cancer (sign of massed humanity in need) solar festival, calls us to this “great work.” Wednesday is the 236th birthday of the United States, a country in need of new enlightened servers. Under Cancer's full moon light, for the U.S. birthday, let us radiate outward the four words, let us become the light of the world that “nourishes the little ones,” let us recite the ancient mantram of service together. “And so let it be and help us know and do our part.”

**ARIES:** Careful with thoughts and actions. Although you're brilliant, you can, at this time, be fast and erratic. Uranus, your spiritual ruler, is calling you to act. Don't rely on verbal promises of prosperity. All previous values are disappearing. Rely on intuition to determine the true value of everything, anything. Call forth wisdom and courage

as our world spins and turns upside down. Knowledge stabilizes. Share everything.

**TAURUS:** Many follow your thoughts, words, deeds and rely on your research. It's important to become conscious of this and complete all plans, agreements and agendas. Keep focused on initiating new projects that will impact humanity far into the future. You and only a few others are able to see their importance. Simultaneously, you must tend to your health (especially) hearth and home. Ask for specific help.

**GEMINI:** Mercury and Uranus, working hand in hand, can make Geminis overly anxious. The homeopath aconite napellis helps by grounding the electricity. You also may not be sleeping — remaining awake long into the night. TV doesn't help. Uranus in Aries is shifting and revolutionizing all realities. You feel this. Maintain a light fresh-foods diet, eliminate excess, drink more water, and each night look up to the stars. Find Polaris, the star of direction.

**CANCER:** It's important to maintain close connections to the group you identify with. Seek to understand the hopes and wishes of everyone around you. Don't assume anything. Life everywhere is moving toward greater community goals and interactions. These will be necessary for everyone, especially families. Remember to drink more

water. Add golden turmeric for color and as an anti-inflammatory.

**LEO:** Is your work situation transforming? Perhaps you're thinking about work needing a change of pace. Have your interests changed? Remember that conflict is about seeking a greater state harmony. So give conflict time to evolve. Observe those around you. There's a group of interested and communicative people looking to you for leadership. Praise them for their gifts, abilities, qualities and goodness. True leaders do this.

**VIRGO:** Are you harboring an unusual secret, putting or giving away money, in need of something someone else has? Are there resources shared with another handled brilliantly yet erratically? Is everything clear, transparent and above board? These times call you to be economically prudent, thrifty and careful, conserving money and resources for spiritual purpose. You may dream more at night, entering unusual fields of communication.

**LIBRA:** Are you creating many lists of places to travel, visit, learn about, study and perhaps try out an entirely new identity. Simultaneously, do relationships seem ever-shifting, or perhaps it's your needs that feel untended? A wound keeps appearing, then disappearing. What is it? It has to do with a Pisces person or situation. Something

needs recognition, understanding and forgiveness on your part so your heart can be eased.

**SCORPIO:** Career matters assume new dimensions, co-workers need steady communication, you want to improve your health, tending more to the necessities of your life. Realizing this takes a balanced view of each day so proceed slower than usual. Forego erratic adventures and transactions, create a long-term plan with practical health goals. Your greatest achievement is accepting your present life. It's complex. It's beautiful.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Relationship communications are most important now, so listen very attentively to what others say. Have the intention to respond with intelligence and true interest. This creates emotional equilibrium. Being uncooperative creates imbalance and a sense you have neglected a responsibility. Have direct, focused attention toward others. Only from you can they feel recognized and safe.

**CAPRICORN:** Reviewing each day's agendas and priorities brings forth clarity, focus and wisdom concerning the routine and unexpected. Try not to criticize anyone or anything in thoughts or words. Everyone's working on different levels. Everyone's suffering somewhat, everyone's seeking harmony. With dispassion, be their harmony. New opportuni-

ties appear as ideas and goals. Rest more so you can imagine and envision more.

**AQUARIUS:** You may be traveling to work, play, create and/or to study this summer. Plan each week's duties and tasks beforehand. You will be communicating on a large scale — either personally or through writing, speaking, conferencing. You gain self-knowledge, clarity of purpose, happiness and offer goodness. Everyone prospers. Tend carefully to money, finances, resources. Be frugal yet practical.

**PISCES:** Home, family, property, land and community become important in the coming weeks. Tend to these carefully, improve relationships with family and bring order and organization to your living and work environments. Do nothing that unsettles personal or family's security. Challenge no one and calm tension with exercise, prayer, vitamins, minerals and herbs. Visualize daily the natural swimming pool needed for exercise, healing and healthy living.

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## This Week's Events

(See the Around Our Valley Calendar in today's A Section for additional events and details.)

**Wednesday, June 27**  
• "Briars in the Cotton Patch: The Story of Koinonia Farm," 7 p.m., World University, 107 N. Ventura St., visit worldu.edu/events. Music at Azu, Fern Barishman, 7 to 9 p.m. 457 E. Ojai Ave., call 640-7987.

**Thursday, June 28**  
• An Evening with Traditional Aleut Messenger, 6 p.m. The Ojai Foundation, 9739 Ojai-Santa Paula Road, call 646-8343 or visit ojaifoundation.org.

**Friday, June 29**  
• Live Music, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Il Giardino, 402 E. Ojai Ave., call 640-7381  
• Spiritual Cinema Night, 7 p.m., Casa de la Luna, 710 S. La Luna Ave., call 625-1031.  
• \*\*Elephant's Graveyard," 8 p.m., Santa Paula Theater Center, 125 S. 7th St. in Santa Paula, 525-4645 or santapaulatheatercenter.org.  
• "The Miser," 8:30 p.m., Elite Theatre 730 "B" St. Oxnard, call 483-5118 or visit elitetheatre.org.  
• \*Latin Music Night, 9 p.m., Los Caporales, 307 E. Ojai Ave., call 646-5452. Saturday, June 30  
• Mime Workshop, The Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave., 11 a.m., call 646-1639.  
• Flores-Martin Exhibit Opening Reception, 2 to 5 p.m., Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts is located at 8560 Ojai-Santa Paula Road in Upper Ojai, call 646-3381.  
• \*\*No Exit," 2 p.m., 730 S. B St. Oxnard, call 483-5118 or visit elitetheatre.org.  
• Summer Festival, 4 to 9 p.m., Casa de La Luna, 710 S. La Luna Ave., visit casadelaluna.org.  
• \*Ben Harper, 6:30 p.m., Santa Barbara Bowl, visit nederlanderconcerts.com or sbbowl.com.  
• \*\*Grease," 8 p.m., Plaza Playhouse Theater, 4916 Carpinteria Ave., Carpinteria, call 684-6380 or visit plazatheatercarpinteria.com.  
• \*\*Elephant's Graveyard," 8 p.m., Santa Paula Theater Center, 125 S. 7th

St., Santa Paula, call 525-4645 or visit santapaulatheatercenter.org.  
• "String Spectacular," 8 p.m., Libbey Bowl, call 620-1000 or visit psphil.com.  
• "The Miser" 8p.m., Elite Theatre 730 "B" St. Oxnard, call 483-5118 or visit elitetheatre.org.

**Sunday, July 1**  
• "String Spectacular," 2 p.m., Libbey Bowl, call 620-1000 or visit psphil.com.  
• "The Miser," 2 p.m., Elite Theatre 730 "B" St. Oxnard, 483-5118 or elitetheatre.org.  
• \*\*Elephant's Graveyard," 4 p.m., Santa Paula Theater Center, 125 S. 7th St. in Santa Paula, call 525-4645 or visit santapaulatheatercenter.org.  
• Jammin at the Art Center, Rain Perry, 6 to 8 p.m., The Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St., call 646-0117.  
• \*Movie and a Cocktail Night, call for time, Los Caporales, 307 E. Ojai Ave., call 646-5452.  
• \*\*No Exit," 7 p.m., 730 S. B St. Oxnard, call 483-5118 or visit elitetheatre.org.

**Tuesday, July 3**  
• Free Patriotic Concert, 6 p.m., Libbey Bowl.  
• \*The Dukes of September Rhythm Revue, 7 p.m., Santa Barbara Bowl, visit nederlanderconcerts.com or sbbowl.com.  
• Late Night Dance Party with Buddhahead Groove Factory, 9 p.m., Ojai Youth Entertainers Studio, 316 E. Matilija St., call 646-4300.

**Wednesday, July 4**  
• Fourth of July Events Ojai Valley Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7 to 11 a.m., Chaparral Auditorium, 414 E. Ojai Ave.  
• Youth Freedom Run, 8:45 a.m., Libbey Park.  
• "God Bless the USA" Parade 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ojai Avenue from Country Club Drive to Park Road.  
• Fireworks Festivities, gates open 5 p.m., Nordhoff High School athletic field, fireworks 9:15 p.m., call 646-4513 or 646-0076 for more information.

**\*For more event details, see story or advertisement in this section.**

## Ben Harper to perform at Santa Barbara Bowl June 30

Ben Harper is a musician, artist, and activist. Whether it's through the soul of southern gospel, '70s funk, blues, reggae, or straightforward rock and roll, Harper and his trademark Weissenborn guitar have been stunning audiences with incendiary live performances and timeless songwriting. He has released ten acclaimed studio albums since 1994 and three live albums. These releases, combined with an unceasing commitment to international touring, has helped Harper grow a fan base that now spans several continents. A collaborator by nature, Harper has recorded and performed with a long list of artists including Ringo Starr, Pearl Jam, Jackson Browne, Rickie Lee Jones, Taj Mahal, Jack Johnson and Vanessa De Matta. His

album with the Blind Boys of Alabama, "There Will Be A Light," earned two Grammy awards for Best Pop Instrumental Performance and Best Traditional Soul Gospel Album.

In their sound, as heard on their latest release "Pickin' Up The Pieces," and on the stage, Fitz and the Tantrums are nothing but professionals, and never less than classy. Enter the Tantrums, Fitz's airtight ensemble keeping it real like it's 1969.

Don't miss your chance to see Ben Harper at the Santa Barbara Bowl on Saturday, June 30, with special guest Fitz and the Tantrums. Tickets range from \$43 to \$52, plus applicable service charges. The Santa Barbara Bowl is located at 1122 N. Milpas St., Santa Barbara, 962-7411.



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Ben Harper

## Lopopolo presents Novel Lab for fiction writers



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Toni Lopopolo

Intense writing laboratory for would-be novelists, offered on weekend of June 30

Don't miss Novel Lab the last professional writing workshop offered during the month long Ojai Summer Writers Workshops series. Taught by veteran literary agent, Toni Lopopolo, Novel Lab will be held Saturday and Sunday afternoons 1 to 6 p.m., June 30 to July 1, in downtown Ojai. Cost for two-day workshop is \$299.

Responsible for hands-on editing at three major publishing houses, Lopopolo has reviewed enough manuscripts that didn't sell to make her an expert on the subject of novel writing. She has vast experience working with unpublished writers and offers a unique method that helps first-time novelists to master the skills needed to successfully write book-length fiction.

During this "work-off-the-flab," kill-your-darlings" weekend intensive, Lopopolo offers writers line-by-line feedback on the first chapter of their novel in progress and writers gain a sense of what it's like to work with

an editor in a publishing house.

As part of the two-day workshop, Lopopolo will present the Ten Most Common Mistakes First Novelists Make listing what skills writers must master to create a publishable and commercial novel or narrative nonfiction book. Lopopolo got the idea for her top 10 list after reading a mountain of unsolicited — and mostly unskilled — novel submissions. She will also introduce new writers to such vitals as story, character, backstory, dialogue, point of view, plot, pacing, setting, voice, and rate of revelation.

This is a rare opportunity, as Lopopolo will line-edit each attendee's first few pages, then discuss them and the rest of the novel with the class. Every writer attending will come away knowing how to improve works of fiction and revise their own manuscript.

For more information or to register, call 669-7373 or visit OjaiWritersWorkshops.com

## Ojai Valley Museum seeking volunteers

The Ojai Valley Museum needs additional docents. Having recently increased the number of operating days and hours, the museum is in need of more wonderful people to relieve current docents who are working double shifts. Shifts generally run three hours, except on Sunday when they are only two

hours.

The Ojai Valley Museum is listed on the National Federal Register of historic venues and has two galleries, one dedicated to Ojai's first known settlers, the Chumash Indians, and the later settlers who came to build what was first called Nordhoff - now known as Ojai. The second gallery

is used for changing shows, sometimes local art and sometimes local history, always related in some way to Ojai.

What is a docent and what do they do? A docent is first and foremost an educator who takes pride in learning everything about the museum and what is on view. They may be of service

to those who visit and want to know more about the exhibits. Secondly a docent is someone who works in the museum store. Ideally, there are two people per shift, one dealing with the store sales and the other assisting visitors who want to learn more about the exhibits. Docents are from all walks of life — retired

teachers, attorneys, psychologists, retailers, etc.

If interfacing with the public is not your forte, there are many non-docent related responsibilities such as updating the research library twice weekly, data entry for the collections department, research for requests from people wanting historical informa-

tion or copies of artifacts. There are many ways to be of service to the museum and participate in the excitement generated by this very special work. If you are 18 years of age or older and would like to become a docent, or work in another capacity at the museum, please call Davida Maron at 640-1390, Ext. 203.

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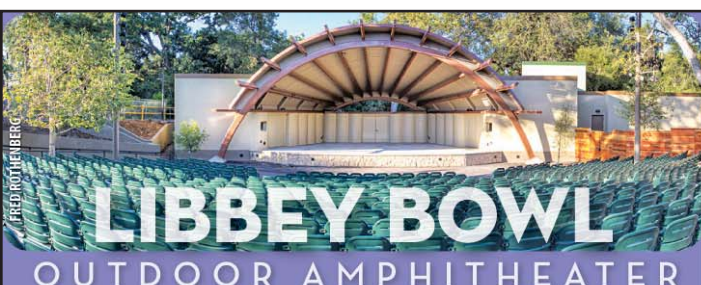
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Migrating to the United States as a teenager, Sevada continued to explore the arts. She became involved in the performing arts/dance and earned a degree in Art History at California State University, Northridge. This led her to work at art galleries, where she encountered a number of amazingly talented artists who believed that creativity has no bound-



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Children's Art Workshop with Guest Artist Dianne Bennett.



Children's Art Workshop with guest artist Richard Flores.



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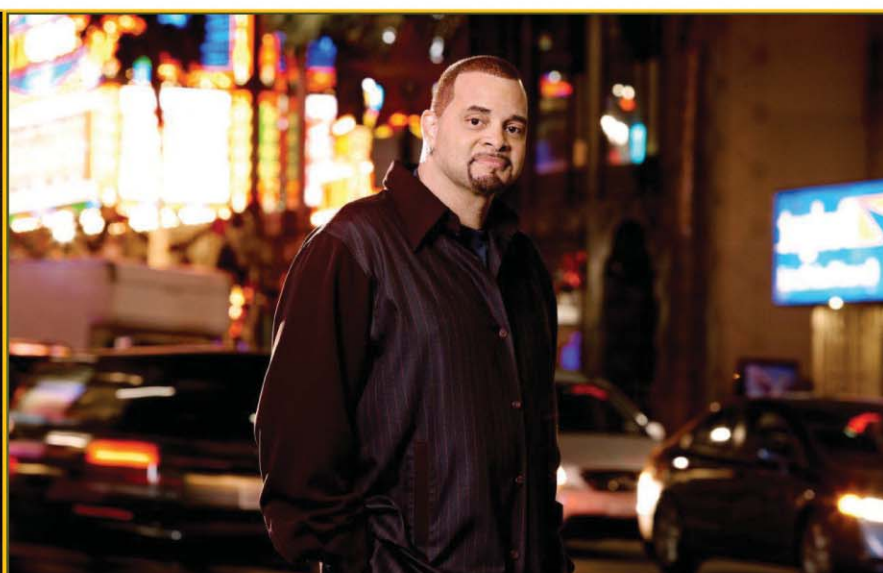
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# French Festival returns to Santa Barbara on July 14

The Santa Barbara French Festival returns to Oak Park July 14 and 15 to celebrate Bastille Day and all the things that make the French cultural history so rich; great food, wine, mimosas, crepes, delicious pastries, music, dance and, of course, the infamous Poodle Parade. The 24th annual Santa Barbara French Festival is a community event not to be missed. It's a dance festival, a music festival, an arts and crafts festival and, of course, a food festival. Now it is also a fund-raising event for two great Santa Barbara area nonprofit organizations, Center Stage Theater and Speaking of Stories.

For two days Santa Barbara truly is the American Riviera as the French influences take over Oak Park. Each day the fun starts at 11 a.m. when the entertainment kicks off on three different stages and continues non-stop until 7 p.m. The stages will be filled with



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performers from Santa Barbara and all over California coming in from Los Angeles and as far as the Bay area. Thirty different acts will fill three stages with dance and music including performances and even instruction. Watch some can-can, or Tahitian dancers, or maybe you would like to learn how to do some traditional folk dancing or Cajun waltzes — it's all here, and more.

If music is more your style there's Santa Barbara favorite Kalinka and the Montecito Jazz Project, or tribute performances to Edith Piaf and Django Reinhardt, and even the French Johnny Cash. Folsom Prison Blues in French is a treat you won't want to miss! The finale of each day of entertainment will be a wild and wonderful performance by the Femmes Fatales, Santa Barbara's favorite drag revue.

For complete details on the performers, food, crafts, shopping and activities visit FrenchFestival.com or "Like" them on Facebook. The 24th annual Santa Barbara French Festival takes place July 14 and 15, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Oak Park at 300 W. Alamar in Santa Barbara. Admission is free and the festival is a non-smoking event. For more information visit FrenchFestival.com, email frenchfestival@sbcxmail.com or call 963-8198.



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The poodle parade at the last French Festival.



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### Ojai Valley Represented at Wine Trail Celebration

Several Ojai Valley wineries and farmers were featured at the fifth annual Ventura County Wine Trail Celebration June 21 in Oxnard's Heritage Square. Included were Ojai Olive Oil, Old Creek Ranch Winery, Vino V, Boccali Vineyards, Casa Barranca and The Ojai Vineyard. A portion of the proceeds went to Food Share. At top left, DeWayne and his wife Marilyn Boccali of Boccali Vineyards & Winery serve up samples. "This wine trail really does help bring in new customers to our restaurant," DeWayne said. At left center, John Anderson, left, of The Ojai Vineyard, smells a sample of Chardonnay and shares a toast with Michael Rachal. Rachal found the wine to be, "Fantastic, that's why I keep coming back." At bottom left, Annie Gilman and Andrea Vazquez, two Ojai locals, enjoy a taste of the Bronco Rojo and Barbera wines from the Old Creek Ranch Winery; John Whitman, the owner, pours them each a tasting. Vazquez said, "It's a fantastic blend." Above, DeWayne Boccali shows off the label on a bottle of Boccali Vineyards & Winery Zinfandel, which includes an image of the original winery Boccali's ancestors founded.

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**Sunday, July 1, 2:00 p.m.**

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Pacific Shores Philharmonic Orchestra

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The inaugural summer season opens with the PS Phil's *String Spectacular*, a showcase of the Philharmonic's vibrant string sections, highlighted by virtuoso performances of Mendelssohn's *Octet for Strings* and Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, with PS Phil Principal Concertmaster Yue Deng as violin soloist.

## CONCERT 2

**Saturday, July 14, 8:00 p.m.**  
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**Saturday, July 28, 8:00 p.m.**  
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E. Burns Taft *conductor*  
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Noted soprano Shana Blake Hill and celebrated baritone Zachary Gordin make their Libbey Bowl debuts with acclaimed tenor Robert MacNeil in Carl Orff's epic *Carmina Burana*, featuring the Pacific Shores Choral—the official choir of the PS Phil—with the Pacific Shores Youth Choir, two grand pianos and the Philharmonic's Percussion Section for a true sonic boom performance under the Ojai sky.

## CONCERT 4

**Saturday, August 11, 8:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, August 12, 2:00 p.m.**

## POPS UNDER THE STARS: MUSIC FOR COWBOYS & COWGIRLS

E. Burns Taft *conductor*  
Pacific Shores Philharmonic Orchestra

WILLIAMS *Star Wars* Main Theme  
BARRY Symphonic Suite from *Dances With Wolves*  
DESPLAT/WILLIAMS Suite from *Harry Potter*  
and the *Deathly Hallows*  
COPLAND *Hoedown* from *Rodeo*  
GROFÉ *Grand Canyon Suite*

Grab your cowboy hats and spurs, and giddee on up to the Libbey Bowl for an extraordinary family night of pops and classical music celebrating all walks of cowpoke, from galactic cowboys and cowboy magicians to the lonely desperados of American yesteryear. Highlighted by performances of music by Grammy-winning composers John Williams and John Barry, the program includes the symphonic suites to *Star Wars*, the beloved *Harry Potter* chronicles, John Barry's panoramic *Dances With Wolves* suite, and a selection from Aaron Copeland's *Rodeo*. The PS Phil's *Music for Cowboys & Cowgirls* concert showcases the full power of the entire Pacific Shores Philharmonic Orchestra and concludes with Grofé's *Grand Canyon Suite*, a sweeping musical portrait of the natural landmark's breathtaking majesty.

## CONCERT 5

**Saturday, August 25, 8:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, August 26, 2:00 p.m.**

## WORLD MUSIC: THE FLAME OF TANGO

E. Burns Taft *conductor*  
Celino Romero *guitar*  
Pacific Shores Philharmonic Orchestra

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PIAZZOLLA *Oblivion*  
CURTIS *Tango La Invitación*  
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GARDEL *Por Una Cabeza*  
PIAZZOLLA *Le Grand Tango*  
RODRIGO *Concierto de Aranjuez*  
SURINACH *Ritmo Jondo*

The PS Phil ignites the Libbey Bowl stage with a fiery evening of Tangos, featuring musicians from the Pacific Shores Philharmonic and guest solo guitarist Celino Romero of the legendary Romero family. A seductive evening of sultry sounds not for the faint of heart!

## CONCERT 6

**Saturday, September 22, 8:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, September 23, 2:00 p.m.**

## NEW MUSIC: SONIC SOJOURNS

E. Burns Taft *conductor*  
Karen Benjamin\* *soprano*  
Virginia Kron *cello*  
Pacific Shores New Music Group

*\*Libbey Bowl debut*

RAVEL *Chansons Madécasses*  
DEL AGUILA *Pacific Serenade*  
HOGAN *Questions of Travel*  
TOWER *Amazon*  
VILLA LOBOS *Assobio a Jato, W 493 (The Jet Whistle)*  
BARBER *Knoxville Summer of 1915, Op. 24*

The inaugural season concludes with the Pacific Shores New Music Group in an extraordinary program of contemporary works that take concertgoers on a musical journey, conjuring images of remarkable places, far and near. Noted soprano Karen Benjamin, an original Los Angeles cast member of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* with Michael Crawford, makes her Libbey Bowl debut with program highlights including works by celebrated local composers, Grammy-nominated Miguel Del Aguila of Camarillo and Leslie Hogan of Santa Barbara.



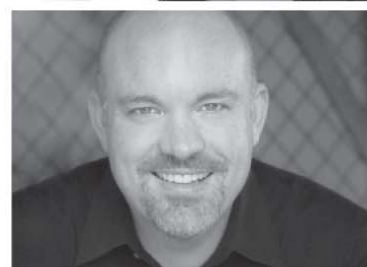
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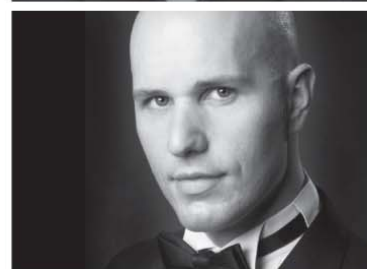
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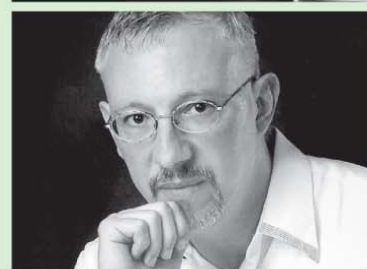
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# Review of Elite Theater Center's 'No Exit'

**Joyce McWilliams**  
OVN contributor

Thanks to Tom Eubanks, artistic director of the Elite Theater in Oxnard, Ventura County residents will have the opportunity to enjoy the work "No Exit," by John Paul Sartre (1905-1980), renowned playwright, existentialist, philosopher, professor, author and winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature 1964. Sartre was best known as a playwright. He taught at Le Havre and then in Laon and at the Lycee Pasteur in Paris from 1937 to 1939. In his philosophical view "man is condemned to freedom, a freedom from all authority, which he make seek to evade, distort, and deny, but which he will have to face if he is to become a moral being."

"No Exit," a French existentialist play, depicts the

after life of three characters whose punishment is being locked up in a room together for eternity. A most famous quotation from the play is "l'enfer, c'est les autres," (hell is other people), refers to certain other people, in the context of this play.

This performance is presented in the style of theater in the round which is quite a tour de force for this small venue, but is carried off nicely. This presentation gives a stolid intimacy to the performances, intense as they are. The stark simplicity of the set presents the characters in a distinct manner, as each of the characters finally reveal the crimes and misdeeds of their lives. The language of all four of actors is clear and concise, not hurried, and the pace is well executed, thanks to Director William H. Waxman. The

play is like the unveiling of a grand mystery. I was on the edge of my seat throughout. "No Exit" is performed without intermission and rightly so, because the intensity and revelations revealed by each character is such, that any interruption would have been disturbing.

It is clear from the beginning of this production that Joseph Garcin (Brian Kolb), Inez Serrano (Jessica Gillette), Estelle Rigault (Christina Colombo) and The Vale (Robert Byrne) are dead. These troubled characters who didn't repent their deeds while alive have received a grim justice indeed.

The Valet, played convincingly by Robert Byrne, is a difficult role because of its simplicity. Who is he, this mysterious valet, who brings Joseph, Inez and Estelle into the

same room? We know very little about him except he is always smiling and lives in a room upstairs.

Joseph Garcin (Brian Kolb) enters highly upset and outraged by the quality of the room he was given by the Valet and will share with two unknown women; Inez, whom he hates because she reveals his weakness, and Estelle, who in his weakness reveals his lust for her. His crimes are cowardice for desertion of the army during World War II, blatantly cheating on his wife whom he hated, while bringing his lover into their home. His wife, who served the lovers breakfast in bed, dies of grief after he was shot while being pursued for desertion. The emotional roller coaster that this role demands was aptly performed by Brian Kolb who has

recently returned to the stage after a 12-year hiatus.

Inez Serrano, the second character to enter the room, is a lesbian postal clerk who seduced her cousin's wife while living with them, turning a wife against her husband, (Inez's cousin), who subsequently was murdered. This role was expressively portrayed by Jessica Gillette, who's icy demeanor and cruelty never disengaged from the relentless pursuit of revealing Joseph's cowardice and cruelty.

Estelle Rigault, the last person to enter, beautifully portrayed by Christina Colombo whose acting was so precise and her command of the language of the time so naturally delivered that we were easily enchanted by her ... She carefully conceals her past in the beginning of their

discourse, but is forced to admit to the banal affair she had when married, the result ending in the deed of murdering her unwanted child, and causing the suicide of her lover.

High level performances were given by all. This piece is full of irony and satire as well as some cutting comedy. All of you literature majors and lovers of French existentialist pieces and John Paul Sartre are urged to attend this performance.

"No Exit" is the first production of ETC's new Between the Pillars program and runs through July 1. Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. General admission is \$15, students. Seniors and military \$12, seating is limited. Elite Theatre Company is located at 730 S. B St. in Oxnard. Call 483-5118 for reservations or visit elitetheatre.org.

# OYES' 'Reunions' a delightful musical farce

When you're talking about love, chemistry is everything — and "Reunions" has it in scores. Misunderstandings, mistakes and missed opportunities run rampant in this pair of musical comedies running through July 1 at the Ojai Youth Entertainers Studio.

"Reunions" tells tales of lovers reunited after years apart in a pair of one-act plays: "The Twelve Pound Look" and "A Sunny Morning."

Bittersweet emotions for the characters onstage translate into hilarity for the audience as former

sweethearts acknowledge what might have been.

Taking the lead in both plays, Ojai's Phil Nemy effortlessly pulls off the arrogance of Harry Sims in "The Twelve Pound Look" and the petulance of Don Gonzalo in "A Sunny Morning." Nemy finds that all-important chemistry in the female lead, L. J. Stevens, who plays Kate in "The Twelve Pound Look" and Doña Laura in "A Sunny Morning."

With razor-sharp womanly wit, Kate and Laura delightfully cut to the core of their counterparts, revealing the thing they've tried to hide: their vulnerability.

Author Jeffrey Scharf and stage director Marty Babayco masterfully display the universal parallels between man and woman — despite vastly different circumstances in each act.

Both Nemy and Stevens glide seamlessly from refined English accents in "Look" to wizened Spanish inflections in "Morning." Nemy's Harry Sims is pompous and deliberate as a proper English gentleman preparing for a knighting ceremony when his past comes rushing



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**Phil Nemy, left, L.J. Stevens, Buddy Wilds, Patricia Cardinali and John Valenzuela paint a perfect picture of stuffy British society in the early 20th century.**

back into his parlor. That past, named Kate, reminds him that there are drawbacks to climbing the social ladder.

After a brief intermission, the scene changes to a park in Spain, and again, Nemy and Stevens expertly blend their voices and chemistry in a story of an unexpected meeting between two septuagenarians once caught in the throes of

forbidden love.

The entire production benefits from the power of a live orchestra, led by director/composer Jimmy Calire, who also commands the keyboards. Teaming up with him are Ross Craton and Dan Willard on winds, Jeff Falkner on bass, Dave Stewart on drums and Paul Weitz on guitar.

The voices of a seasoned

cast blend impeccably with the accomplished musicians, in this charming production from the Ojai Performing Arts Theater Foundation.

Tickets for the remaining performances (Friday and Saturday shows start at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees, 3 p.m.) are available at ojaiyes.org and the door. For more information, call 646-4300.

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# Ojai Five Returns July 7

The second annual Ojai Five play writing festival takes place on July 7 at the Ojai Youth Entertainers Studio. Far Left, Susan Kelejian is an award-winning playwright, actor, and director. Her playwriting awards include Generic Theatre's Best New Play Award, Beyond the Proscenium Best New Play, and New Works Play Festival. She has taught drama for 15 years, including master classes in Shakespeare. Kelejian is a graduate of the American Academy of

Dramatic Arts and Goddard College in Playwriting with honors, and currently attending USC grad school. Middle, E. E. 'Doc' Murdock, Ph.D. and Zoe Murdock, M.A. are published writers and writing teachers. They publish the FictionWeek.com Literary Review and currently run an advanced fiction writing workshop at the Ojai Library every Thursday evening. Several of their one-act plays have been produced, including "The Reverse Santa," at Theatre 150. Far right, Lisa Snider

has written over 200 feature articles, a housing documentary, a short play about New Year's Eve 1999, and hosts the podcast site Radio Ojai. Her most recent play, "Wind River Redemption," had a four-week run with Elite Theatre Company's One-Act Festival. Snider is currently writing a novel about a career-driven young woman working at a world-class resort in a funky new-age town. Visit her website at LisaSnider.com. For additional information, call 646-4300.

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"Each one has so much talent it seems superfluous at times to play together. Any could easily front his own band and once they become famous and develop celebrity egos, they probably will. That is all part of the brilliance of this reverse super group."

—Live Show Review by VenusArms

age from the very young to baby boomers. Their original and unique music is so layered and diverse that they receive rave reviews wherever they play. Musicians and fans alike declare this band to be the best live band they have ever heard or seen. The brothers astound the audience by switching instruments, as they perform, are all classically trained on string instruments, all sing lead vocals and harmonies and they all play guitar, piano, drums and bass. The brothers draw large crowds at all the major venues and are booked and re-booked constantly. They have played Whiskey A Go Go, The Roxy, Canyon Club,

World Fest, Camarillo Festival, Oak's Music Nights. They have also opened for major acts like Little Feet, Loggins and Messina, Los Lobos, Canned Heat, all this in one short year. For an unknown band just arrived in Los Angeles this kind of progress in such a short time is phenomenal. The Shoemaker Brothers will be featured at Jammin' at the Art Center on July 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. The Ojai Art Center is located at 113 S. Montgomery St. in downtown Ojai. For tickets call 646-0117. For more information about the Shoemaker Brothers, visit their website shoemakerbrothers.com.

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but with the help of the hilarious Constable Dogberry and his confederates, the lovers are ultimately united. Shakespeare reminds us "the course of true love never did run smooth" and sometimes it takes us longer than expected to find our way home. "Much Ado About Nothing" features Laura Rearwin as Beatrice, Andrew David James as

Benedick, Allison Chase Williams as Hero, Terry Fishman as Leonato, Richard Winterstein as Dogberry, Travis Winterstein as Verges, Jonathan Weiser as Don John, Gus Hoffman as Balthazar, Doug Parker as Friar Frances, and Richard Osborne as Don Pedro. Ticket and other information available at gateplayers.org and LibbeyBowl.org.

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# Let's say a fare well to 'The Sound of Jessica'

**John Hankins**  
OVN contributor

If there's a theater within 25 miles of Ojai, Jessica Slaght has acted, danced, or sung in it, from the Rubicon to Senga to OPAT, to Theater 150, Nordhoff and Ojai ACT. And now for her encore, playing the lead role of Maria in "The Sound of Music," at the Ojai Art Center Theater opening July 13 for a four weekend run.

Slaght just graduated from Nordhoff High School after four years of involvement with the Nordhoff music, drama, and dance programs, which prepared her for a wide range of really cool roles, notably Belle in "A Christmas Carol," the Nurse in "Romeo and Juliet," and Mrs. Potts in "Beauty and the Beast."

By her own account, her big "breakout" role at Nordhoff and her favorite to date was that of the title role in "Thoroughly Modern Millie." That may change sooner than she thinks with what is considered an important and illustrious role for an actress: Maria Rainer, a sweet and musical postulant whose love of freedom makes it

obvious to her Mother Superior that she is not suited for religious life. So she is sent off as a governess to Captain von Trapp's seven troublesome children to ponder her future, among the magnificent scenery of the Alps and the malevolent backdrop of Hitler's rise.

"I am absolutely ecstatic to be playing one of the most iconic roles in musical theater and to be working with such an excited bunch of children. Maria is spunky, optimistic, kind, somewhat confused, and always strong-hearted. She is both a tremendous joy and a challenge to play," Jessica said.

It seems to be a perfect fit in more ways than one. Jessica is the founder of "Bringing the Singing Princess Parties," a local business which offers singing princess characters for children's birthday parties (bringingthesinging.com). She also wrote, produced, and directed a children's play entitled "Once Upon a Chime," a fairytale produced with the help of Nordhoff Drama and the Raindancers Learning Community as her senior project.



Photo by Ashley Holman

**Maria (Jessica Slaght, with guitar) leaves the convent to be a governess to Capt. Von Trapp's unruly kids, who she befriends with the sound of music. They are from left, Emmy Hilgers, Tanner Gross, Audrey Pennington, Bryan Schurmer, Eva Beebe, Sophie Massey and Rebecca Kirkland.**

"I've acquired the nickname 'Mom' with some of the drama students at Nordhoff," due to her theater work in youth productions and taking on "matronly" roles such as Mrs. Potts, the Nurse and Mrs. Paroo ("Music Man").

"The Sound of Music" may be her swan song in Ojai, however, as she will be moving to attend the University of California Berkeley this coming fall and plans to major in either theater or media studies.

Let's say a resounding

fare well to "The Sound of Jessica" as she leaves Ojai (perhaps temporarily) after "The Sound of Music" July 13 to Aug 5 at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays (no matinee Saturday, July 14) at the Ojai Art

Center, 113 S. Montgomery St. Cost is \$25 general, \$20 students, seniors and Art Center members, and \$15 for kids 12 and under. Reservations are strongly advised by calling 640-8797 or logging on to [www.OjaiACT.org](http://www.OjaiACT.org).

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